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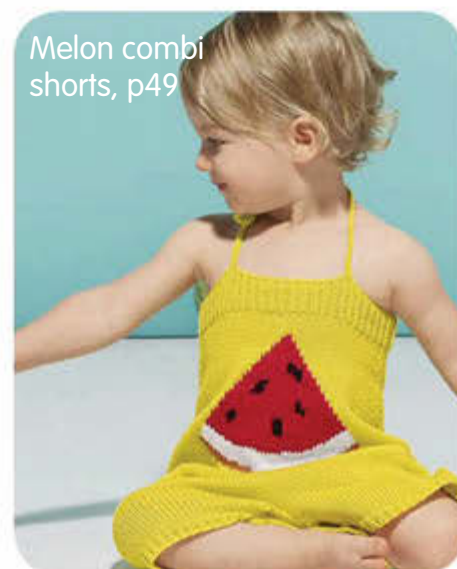
To the latest issue of *Love Knitting*, into which we've packed 28 gorgeous patterns to keep your needles busy this month!

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DRESS, CARDIGAN AND HAT

Ice cream sundae

Get set for baby's summer holidays with a trio of items knitted in a smooth and soft cotton yarn. By Sarah Heys

The stitches in these items may be simple but the look isn't, and Sarah's knitwear in bright candy coloured cotton yarn is sure to be a winner on the beach! All are knitted in stocking stitch, with texture and interest added to the dress with a moss stitch bodice, straps and edging,

plus fun bows on the hat and dress in a contrast colour. The set is perfect for the British summer – when the sun is shining, your little one can enjoy wearing the dress, and the hat and the cardigan can either add a layer of warmth when it gets chilly, or protect delicate skin from too much sun.

ABOUT THIS YARN

RICO BABY COTTON SOFT DK

50% cotton, 50% acrylic

125m per 50g

Machine washable at 30°C

£2.59, for stockists visit www.rico-design.de

Make this set suitable for winter by knitting it in a heavier, wool-based yarn

Top Tip



DRESS, CARDIGAN AND HAT

Knit all
three items
for under
£15!



*Use easy stitches
and techniques to
recreate this combo*



DRESS, CARDIGAN AND HAT

*Your baby will
love all the bright
colours of this set*



YOU WILL NEED

✿ Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK 50g in:
Buttercup (shade 019) x 3 (3: 3: 3) balls
Candy Pink (shade 030) x 3 (3: 3: 3) balls

✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

✿ 6 months (12 months: 18 months: 2 years)

TENSION

✿ 21 sts and 28 rows in st-st over 10cm (4in)
square, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

DRESS

FRONT

Using Candy Pink and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 110 (110: 120: 120) sts.

Row 1: K1, p1.

Row 2: P1, k1.

Repeat last two rows once.

Row 5: K2, ssk, knit to last 4 stitches, k2tog, k2.
108 (108: 118: 118) sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 16 (16: 18: 20) times.

Next row: K2, ss, knit to last 4 stitches, k2tog, k2. 106 (106: 116: 116) sts.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat last two rows 6 times ending in a p row.
94 (94: 104: 104) sts.

Next row: K1, p1.

Next row: P1, k1.

Repeat last two rows 7 (7: 8: 9) times.

Next row: K2, ssk, MS to last 4 stitches, k2tog, k2. 92 (92: 102: 102) sts.

Next row: K3, MS to last 3 stitches, k3.

Repeat last two rows 8 times. 76 (76: 86: 86) sts.
Cast off.

BACK

Repeat as for Front. Sew together seams.

Straps

Using Candy Pink and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 6 sts.

MS until piece measures 14cm (5½in).

Cast off.

For the different sizes measure your child's shoulders and the height can be adjusted depending on high up you'd like the top to be. Sew to the top of dress.

Bows

Using Buttercup and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 6 sts.

MS until piece measures 5cm (2in).

Cast off.

Make into bow by wrapping a length of yarn around the middle and sew securely onto the front of the dress.

Repeat for two other bows.

CARDIGAN

Using Buttercup and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting

needles, cast on 52 (56: 58: 60) sts.

Rows 1-4: MS.

Row 5: MS for 4 stitches, kfb to last 4 stitches, MS for 4 stitches. 96 (104: 108: 112) sts.

Row 6: MS4, purl across the row, MS4.

Row 7: MS4, *kfb, k1, repeat from * across the row to last 4 stitches, MS4. 140 (152: 158: 164).

Row 8: MS4, purl across the row, MS4.

Row 9: MS4, knit across the row, MS4.

Row 10: MS4, purl across the row, MS4.

Repeat last two rows 11 (13: 14: 15) times.

Next row: MS4, k15 (18: 19: 20), MS25 (27: 28: 29), k52 (54: 56: 58), MS25 (27: 28: 29), k15 (18: 19: 20), MS4.

Next row: MS4, p15 (18: 19: 20), MS25 (27: 28: 29), p52 (54: 56: 58), MS25 (27: 28: 29), p15 (18: 19: 20), MS4.

Next row: MS4, k15 (18: 19: 20), cast off 25 (27: 28: 29), k52 (54: 56: 58), cast off 25 (27: 28: 29): k15 (18: 19: 20), MS4.

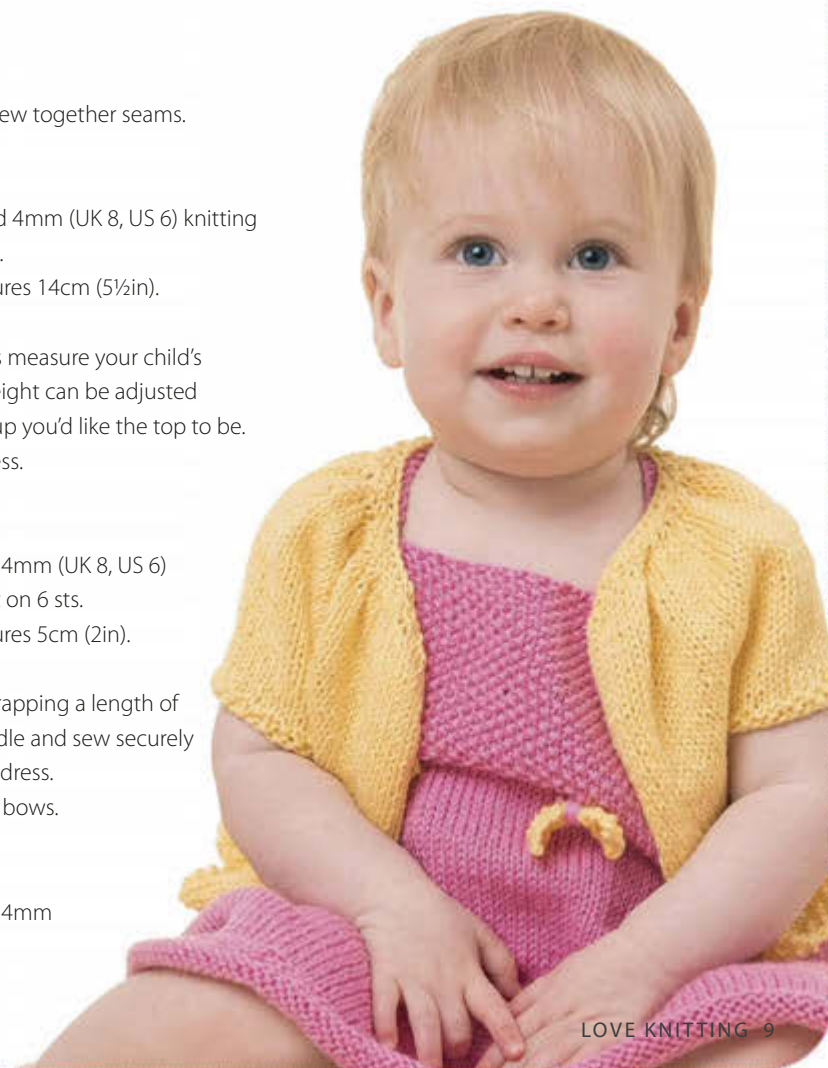
Next row: MS4, p15 (18: 19: 20), cast on 3 (3: 4: 4) sts, p52 (54: 56: 58), cast on 3 (3: 4: 4) sts, p15 (18: 19: 20), MS4.

Next row: MS4, knit to last 4 stitches, MS4.

Next row: MS4, P to last 4 stitches, MS4. ✿



The colours can be reversed to make a pink cardigan and yellow dress





DRESS, CARDIGAN AND HAT

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

The finishing touches to this fun trio are the colourful bows, knitted in moss stitch in a contrast colour. Since they're knitted with such little yarn, they're great for using up scraps of any DK you may have in your stash, and you can choose to knit them in any colour you like!



Repeat last two rows for 6: (8: 10: 12) rows.

Next rows: M5 for 4 rows.

Cast off.

HAT

Using Buttercup and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 90 (100: 103: 105) sts.

Rows 1-5: Knit.

Row 6: P2tog, purl across the row, p2tog.

Row 7: k2tog, knit to last two stitches, k2tog.

86 (96: 99: 101) sts.

Knit st-st until the hat measures 16 (16: 18: 20) cm (6¼ (6¼: 7L 8)in), ending with RS facing.

Next row: K2 (0: 3: 1) * (k2, k2tog), repeat from * to end. (65: 72: 75: 76) sts

Next row: Purl

Next row: K2 (0: 0: 1) * (k1, k2tog), repeat from * to end. 44 (48: 50: 51) sts.

Next row: Purl

Next row: k0 (0: 0: 1) * (k2tog), repeat from * to end. 22 (24: 25: 26) sts.

Next row: Purl

Next row: K0 (0: 1: 0) * (k2tog), repeat from * to end. 11 (12: 13: 13) sts.

Next row: Purl

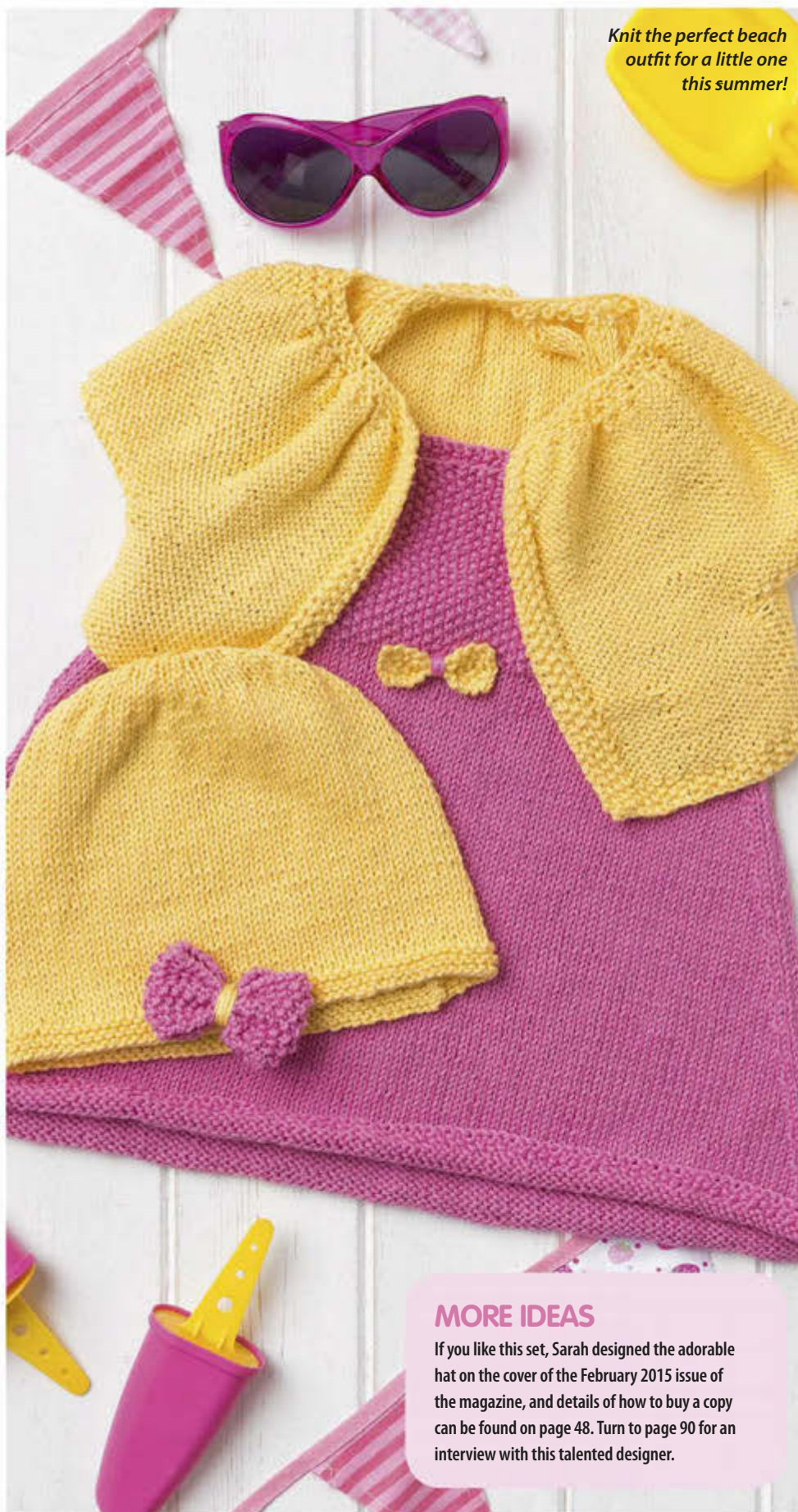
Row 9: K1 (0: 1: 1) * (k2tog), repeat from * to end. 6 (6: 7: 7) sts.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through stitches and pull tightly to close. Use tail to stitch hat seam.

Bow

Make bow as for dress, using Candy Pink. Sew securely in place using the photo as a guide.

Knit the perfect beach outfit for a little one this summer!



MORE IDEAS

If you like this set, Sarah designed the adorable hat on the cover of the February 2015 issue of the magazine, and details of how to buy a copy can be found on page 48. Turn to page 90 for an interview with this talented designer.

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Shawl by Joan Green



CABLE CARDIGAN

Mellow yellow

Welcome the sunshine with a cabled cardigan knitted in a soft lemon shade. Its lacey patterning makes it ideal for warmer weather

Made in light
acrylic yarn
that's perfect for
summer

*You can never make
too many cardigans
for a little one!*



Fancy a summer knitting challenge? Then this is the garment for you! If you've not cabled before, or are a relative beginner, then you'll love using this technique to create the bands of detailing. It's knitted in Patons Soft Baby Fab which, as the name suggests, is a super soft yarn and therefore perfect for knitting delicate cover ups. It's sold in 100g balls which pack a whopping 368m each, meaning that it's excellent value-for-money – you can knit this cardigan for under £8!

YOU WILL NEED

- ★ Patons Soft Baby Fab 4 ply 100g in Lemon (shade 000120) x 2 (2: 3: 3) balls
- ★ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- ★ Cable needle
- ★ 3 stitch holders
- ★ 3 buttons

MEASUREMENTS

- ★ 0 months (3 months: 6 months: 9 months)

TENSION

- ★ 35 sts and 40 rows over patt (slightly stretched) over 10cm (4in) square, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

- ★ C4F: slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front of work, k2, then k2 from cable needle

ABBREVIATIONS

- ★ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

PATONS SOFT BABY FAB 4PLY

100% acrylic

368m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°C

£2.69, for stockists call 01484 681 881

or visit www.makeitcoats.com

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		0 months	3 months	6 months	9 months
To fit underarm	cm	35	40	45	47
	in	14	16	18	18½
Actual measurement	cm	40	47	52	60
	in	16	18½	20½	23½
Full length	cm	20	23	26	29
	in	8	9	10	11½
Sleeve length	cm	11	13	16	19
	in	4½	5	6	7½

CARDIGAN

BACK

Using Lemon and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 70 (86: 92: 108) sts.

1st foundation row (RS): (P1, k4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, k2, p1.

K4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (k2, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

2nd foundation row: (K1, p4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * k1, p2, k1,

P4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, k1, (p2, k1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Beg patt

Row 1 (RS): (P1, k4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, yon, k2tog, p1, k4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (yon, k2tog, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 2: (K1, p4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * k1, p2, k1, p4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, k1, (p2, k1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 3: (P1, c4f) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, c4f, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: As row 1.

Row 6: As row 2.

Row 7: (P1, k4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, k4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 8: As row 2. Rows 1 to 8 incl form patt. Cont in patt until work measures 11 (13: 15: 17) cm (4¼ (5: 6: 6¾)in) from beg, working last row on WS.

Shape Armholes

Care must be taken when shaping in this pattern. Do not work a k2tog or sl 1, k1, psso, unless the corresponding yon or yrn can be worked and vice versa.

Keeping patt correct, cast off 4 (6: 6: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 62 (74: 80: 92) sts.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until 54 (62: 70: 76) sts rem.

Work 19 (19: 25: 23) rows without shaping. Tie a coloured thread at each end of last row to assist with sewing up.

Shape Shoulders

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6) sts at beg of next 6 rows, then 3 (6: 6: 5) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Leave rem 24 (26: 28: 30) sts on a stitch holder.

SLEEVES

Using Lemon and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 44 (44: 46: 48) sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Knit.

Beg patt.

Row 1: K0 (0: 1: 2), p1, yon, k2tog, p1, * k4, p1, yon, k2tog, p1, rep from * to last 0 (0: 1: 2) sts, k0 (0: 1: 2).

Row 2: P0 (0: 1: 2), k1, p2, k1, * p4, k1, p2, k1, rep from * to last 0 (0: 1: 2) sts, p0 (0: 1: 2).

Row 3: K0 (0: 1: 2), p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, * c4f, p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, rep from * to last 0 (0: 1: 2) sts, k0 (0: 1: 2).

Row 4: As row 2.

Keeping patt correct as set in last 4 rows (noting 8 rows form patt rep) and working extra sts into patt, inc one st at each end of next row, then in every foll 4th (4th: 4th: 6th) row until there are 50 (54: 52: 60) sts, then in every foll 6th (6th: 6th: 8th) row until there are 58 (62: 66: 68) sts.

Cont in patt without shaping until work measures 11 (13: 16: 19)cm (4½ (5: 6¼: 7½)in) from beg, working last row on WS.

CABLE CARDIGAN

Shape Top

Keeping patt correct, cast off 2 (3: 3: 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 54 (56: 60: 60) sts.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until 44 (44: 48: 40) sts rem, then in every row until 14 sts rem.

Tie a coloured thread at each end of last row.

Work 16 (18: 22: 26) rows on these 14 sts for saddle.

Leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

LEFT FRONT

Using Lemon and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 40 (48: 51: 59) sts.

1st foundation row (RS): (P1, k4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, k2, p1, k4, rep from * to last 11 sts, p1, k2, (p1, k1) 3 times, k2.

2nd foundation row: P3, k1, p1, k1, slip these 6 sts onto a safety pin for Left Front Band, cast on one st (seam st), p2, * k1, p2, k1, p4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, k1, (p2, k1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times. 35 (43: 46: 54) sts. Beg patt.

Row 1 (RS): (P1, k4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, yon, k2tog, p1, k4, rep from * to last 6 sts, p1, yon, k2tog, p1, k2.

Row 2: P2, * k1, p2, k1, p4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, k1, (p2, k1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 3: (P1, c4f) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, c4f, rep from * to last 6 sts, p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, k2.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: As row 3.

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

It's important when cabling that the stitches knitted on the cable needle are in the same tension as the rest of the garment. Keep your stitches on your cable needle close to the rest of the knitting, and ensure that you knit them in the same tension so your cables lie smoothly.



Row 6: As row 2.

Row 7: (P1, k4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, k4, rep from * to last 6 sts, p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, k2.

Row 8: As row 2.

Rows 1 to 8 incl form patt.

Cont in patt until work measures same as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with same patt row.

Shape Armhole

Keeping patt correct, cast off 4 (6: 6: 8) sts at beg of next row. 31 (37: 40: 46) sts.

Work 1 row patt.

Dec one st at armhole edge in next row, then in every foll alt row until 27 (31: 35: 38) sts rem.

Work 12 (12: 18: 14) rows without shaping.

Shape Neck

Cast off 6 (6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next row. 21 (25: 28: 31) sts.

Dec one st at neck edge in every row until 18 (20: 23: 26) sts rem.

Sizes 0 and 9 months only: then in foll alt row.

All sizes: 17 (20: 23: 25) sts.

Work 1 row patt. Tie a coloured thread at end of last row.

Shape Shoulder

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6) sts at beg of next row and foll alt row twice, AT SAME TIME dec one st at neck edge in next row and foll alt row.

Work 1 row. Cast off rem 3 (6: 6: 5) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 40 (48: 51: 59) sts.

1st foundation row (RS): K3, p1, k1, p1, slip these 6 sts onto a safety pin for Right Front Band, cast on one st (seam st), k2, * p1, k2, p1, k4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (k2, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times. 35 (43: 46: 54) sts.

2nd foundation row: (K1, p4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * k1, p2, k1, p4, rep from * to last 6 sts, (k1, p2) twice.

Beg patt.

Row 1 (RS): K2, * p1, yon, k2tog, p1, K4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (yon, k2tog, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 2: (K1, p4) 1 (1: 0: 0) times, * k1, p2, k1, p4, rep from * to last 6 sts, (k1, p2) twice.

Row 3: K2, * p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, c4f, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, P1, (ybk, sl 1, k1,



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psso, yrn, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: As row 1.

Row 6: As row 2.

Row 7: K2, * p1, ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1, k4, rep from * to last 1 (1: 4: 4) sts, p1, (ybk, sl 1, k1, psso, yrn, p1) 0 (0: 1: 1) times.

Row 8: As row 2.

Rows 1 to 8 incl form patt.

Complete to correspond with Left Front, reversing all shapings.

LEFT AND RIGHT FRONT BANDS

Left Front Band

With RS facing, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, join yarn to sts on Left Front safety pin.

Row 1: Cast on one st (seam st), (k1, p1) twice, k3. 7 sts.

Row 2: P3, (k1, p1) twice.

Row 3: (K1, p1) twice, k3.

Rep row 2 and 3 9 (13: 16: 18) times, then row 2 once.

Next row: K1, p1, yrn (to make a st), p2tog, k3. Buttonhole.

Work 13 (15: 19: 21) rows, then rep buttonhole row once.

Work 9 (11: 15: 17) rows. Leave sts on a safety pin. Break off yarn.

Right Front Band

Work to correspond with Left Front Band, omitting buttonholes and leaving sts on needle. Do not break off yarn.

NECKBAND

Using mattress st, sew front bands in position.

Sew side edges of sleeve saddles to shoulders, matching coloured threads and noting that



tops of sleeves form part of neckline. With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, work (k3, p1, k1, p2tog) across Right Front Band sts, knit up 10 (10: 10: 12) sts evenly along Right Front Neck, knit across top of Right Sleeve.

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, work (k3, p1, k1, p2tog) across Right Front Band sts, knit up 10 (10: 10: 12) sts evenly along Right Front Neck. Knit across top of Right Sleeve dec 2 sts evenly. Knit across Back Neck sts decreasing 5 sts evenly. Knit across top of Left Sleeve, dec 2 sts evenly. Knit up 10 (10: 10: 12) sts evenly along Left Front Neck, then work (p2tog, k1, p1, k3) across Left Front Band sts. 75 (77: 79: 85) sts.

Row 1: P3, * k1, p1, rep from * to last 4 sts, k1, p3.

Row 2: K3, * p1, k1, rep from * to last 4 sts, p1, k3.

Row 3: As row. 1

Row 4: K3, * p1, k1, rep from * to last 6 sts, p1, yrn, p2tog, k3. 3 buttonholes in all.

Rep rows 1 to 3 incl once. Cast off loosely in rib.

MAKING UP

Sew rem of sleeve tops to front and back. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Sew in all ends.

MORE IDEAS

This pattern comes from leaflet 3898 by Patons, which also features a pretty matching sweater in cream. To find a stockist, call 01484 681 881 or visit www.makeitcoats.com

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Fun
decoration
for a baby's
nursery

Dear dino

These giant trophy heads by Louise Walker make the perfect prehistoric pals for your little monsters – they look great in kids' bedrooms! The kit comes with a photographic step-by-step guide, and contains everything you need to make your T-rex or Triceratops, including polyester stuffing and bamboo knitting needles, all in a hand-stencilled and painted hessian bag.

Both kits, £39.99. To buy go to www.notonthehighstreet.com/sincerelylouis



Three little birds

This little flock of birdie buttons has been handmade, glazed and fired by Karen Turner of Hodge Podge Arts, who makes one-of-a-kind decorative ceramic pieces inspired by vintage objects and old fabrics. You can use them to embellish baby cardis, coats and hats.

Set of three buttons, £12. To buy go to www.hodgepodgearts.co.uk or call 07725 813 603



Summer stars

This star pattern blanket is just gorgeous, isn't it? The soft ice cream shades are so summery, and perfect for baby knits. Taken from Bernat's new Adorables collection, the pattern is one of eight knits for baby boys and girls; the candyfloss pink bow booties are super cute too. Baby Coordinates is a soft DK yarn with a subtle sheen that will shimmer in the afternoon sun.

Pattern book, £5.99; Bernat Baby Coordinates, £5.99 per 140g (355m) ball. For stockists go to www.deramores.com or call 0800 488 0708

Best in show

If you love the Best in Show series, then you'll be delighted to know that Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne are back with a brand-new book, and this time they've turned their attention to the prehistoric world. It's out in July, so pre-order your copy today!

Knit Your Own Dinosaur, £12.99. For stockists go to www.pavilionbooks.com or call 020 7462 1500





The perfect
patterns
for summer
knitting

Bright sparks

Just when we thought Bergère de France couldn't top its last collection of designs for kids and babies, it comes up with **Mag 179**, a spring/summer collection packed with beautifully bright, beachy knits and soft neutrals in cotton and linen.

Mag 179, £7.25. To buy go to www.bergeredefrance.co.uk



Seal of approval

Knitted in King Cole Luxe Fur and Pricewise DK, these soft, cuddly seals make perfect playmates. The eyelash yarn of their coats makes them so strokeable, providing lots of comfort, and their squishy flippers are knitted in DK yarn, so they're easy for little hands to grab hold of – lucky, because your little one will want to take their new friend everywhere with them! They're the ideal pattern if you're new to making toys, and are sure to be a big hit with babies.

Pattern leaflet, £2.99. For stockists go to www.kingcole.co.uk or call 01756 703 670

Blowing bubbles

We know this is the 'best buys' section, but every so often it's nice to get something for nothing, and this sweet little sweater from Cascade Yarns can be downloaded from Deramores' website free of charge! It's knitted in Cascade Heritage, which is actually a sock yarn, but you can use any 4ply you have to hand – you'll need just two 100g balls.

Go to www.deramores.com to download

Free to
download
4ply yarn
pattern



Add a fun
homemade
touch to
your knits

With love

Show someone you care by adding one of these printed linen sew-in labels to your knit. We love the old-fashioned typewriter font that's been chosen for the wording, which gives them a pleasingly retro feel. Choose from the messages pictured or ask for your own wording, and then just sew them onto your knits to show the world that someone is wearing one of your gorgeous creations! The labels are available in sets of 5, 10 and 20.

Labels, from £3.50. To buy go to www.squeakgiftandparty.co.uk or call 01538 308 555



Crafty case

The perfect gift for a crafty friend, this glasses case is covered in knitting needles, buttons and other crafty bits and bobs. You'll never lose your specs again!

Glasses case, £12.95. To buy go to www.giftwrappedandgorgeous.co.uk or call 01530 440 441

Dates for your diary!

13-21 June

WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Largest knitter-run event in the world

20-21 June

THE BIG WOOLLY WEEKENDER

Buckland Abbey, Yelverton, Devon

A celebration and festival of wool

12-13 July

UNWIND BRIGHTON

Brighton

Marketplace, workshops and more

25-26 July

FIBRE EAST

Redborne Community College,

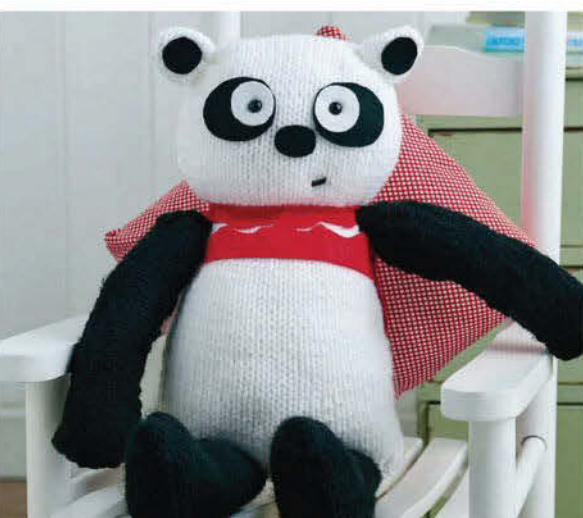
Amptihill

A weekend of family-friendly fibre craft

Percy Panda

This cuddly critter has eaten a bit too much bamboo by the looks of things – his vest is a little bit small for him! Little ones will adore this chubby panda, with long arms and squashy tummy. As with all kits from Gift Horse, this knit is suitable for beginners, as it only uses knit, purl and simple increasing and decreasing. The box contains absolutely everything you need to make him, including sturdy bamboo needles, safety eyes and plenty of stuffing.

Kit, £25. To buy go to www.gifthorsekits.co.uk or call 01874 665 647

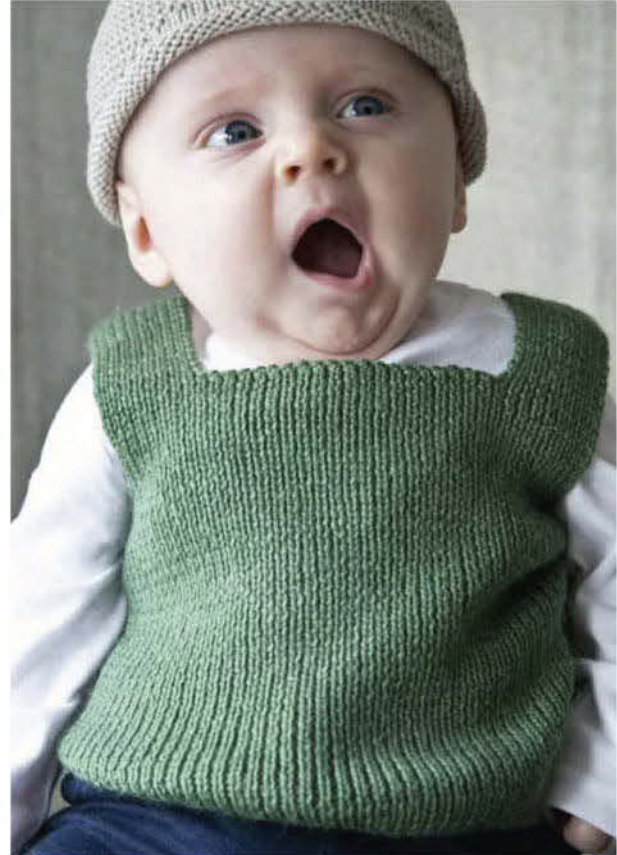


Tray chic

Store copies of your favourite knitting magazine and keep patterns or knitting needles safe in these pretty floral stacking trays, made from 100% recycled cotton. Available in mint, rose, blue and soft cream, they make a stylishly practical addition to your craft room or office.

Stacking trays, £12.95 each. To buy go to www.karenzaandco.com/heartandparcel or call 01252 621 145

Stylish storage in pretty pastels



Little green

Designed by Martin Storey, this vest may be a simple stocking stitch project, but as it's knitted in Rowan Finest – a sumptuous blend of merino, cashmere and royal alpaca – it's a luxurious knit that a beginner can easily manage. Great if you're new to knitting but still want to make something that will be handed down through generations. The pattern features in Martin's *Easy Knits for Babies*, which also has cardigans, a buggy blanket and an adorable teddy.

***Easy Knits for Babies*, £14.99. For stockists go to www.knitrowan.com or call 01484 681 881**

Lovely Liberty

Individually handmade to order, these beautiful cotton bags are personalised with an appliqué initial and made from Liberty print material. Roomy enough for your knitting, yarn, needles, pattern and accessories, they're made from 100% cotton. Gemima London's products are made in its London Studio using Liberty of London's classic Tana Lawn range.

Knitting bag, £25. To buy go to www.notonthehighstreet.com/gemimacraftkits

Treat yourself to a brand new knitting bag



Premature baby knits

Welcome an early baby with
this gorgeous collection of
tiny garments

Five fab
patterns
especially for
preemies





GARTER STITCH JACKET



*Knit this unisex outfit in
any of the 56 shades
of Baby Cashmerino*

Little wonder

Debbie Bliss' gorgeous jacket is knitted in the softest cashmere blend yarn to be snug and cosy against delicate skin

Made in garter stitch with a collar and an optional single button fastening, the pattern for this stylish jacket features in Debbie Bliss' book *Design It, Knit It: Babies*, and was kindly donated by Debbie to be used by the craft club run by premature baby

charity Bliss – turn to page 23 to learn more about this very worthy organisation and how you can get involved in knitting for it. The warm, soft yarn and simple shape, which is easy to dress a little one in, means that it's sure to be appreciated by those who need clothes for any tiny arrivals.

ABOUT THIS YARN

DEBBIE BLISS BABY CASHMERINO

55% wool, 33% acrylic, 12% cashmere

125m per 50g

Machine washable at 30°C

£4.95, for stockists call 01535 664 222 or visit www.designeryarns.uk.com



**For more of
a challenge,
knit this jacket
in two or three
colour stripes**



GARTER STITCH JACKET

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino 50g in Pale Blue x 2 (3: 3: 3: 4: 4) balls
- ✿ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3)
- ✿ Stitch holder
- ✿ One small button (optional)

TENSION

- ✿ 25 sts and 50 rows to 10cm (4in) over g-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest	cm	25	29	33	37	41	45
	in	10	11½	13	14½	16	17½
Finished chest measurements	cm	36	40	44	48	52	56
	in	14½	15¾	17¼	19	20½	22
Length to shoulder	cm	15	18	21	23	25	27
	in	6	7	8¼	9	10	10¾
Sleeve length	cm	7	9	12	13	14	16
	in	2¾	3½	4¾	5	5½	6¼

JACKET

BACK

With 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 45 (50: 55: 60: 65: 70) sts.

Work in g-st until back measures 7 (9: 11: 12: 13: 14)cm (2¾ (3½: 4¼: 4¾: 5: 5½)in) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armholes

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 37 (42: 47: 52: 57: 62) sts.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

SLEEVES

With 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 29 (32: 35: 38: 41: 44) sts.

Knit 7 rows.

Inc row K3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, k3.

Work 7 rows.

Rep the last 8 rows until there are 35 (40: 45: 50: 55: 60) sts.

Cont straight until sleeve measures 7 (9: 12: 13: 14: 16)cm (2¾ (3½: 4¾: 5: 5½: 6¼)in) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan top

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 27 (32: 37: 42: 47: 52) sts.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

LEFT FRONT

With 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 25 (27: 30: 32: 35: 37) sts.

Cont in g-st until front measures 7 (9: 11: 12: 13: 14)cm (2¾ (3½: 4¼: 4¾: 5: 5½)in) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next row.

21 (23: 26: 28: 31: 33) sts.

K 1 row.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

RIGHT FRONT

With 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 25 (27: 30: 32: 35: 37) sts.

Cont in g-st until front measures 7 (9: 11: 12: 13: 14)cm (2¾ (3½: 4¼: 4¾: 5: 5½)in) from cast-on edge, ending with a RS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next row. 21 (23: 26: 28: 31: 33) sts.

Do not break off yarn.

YOKE

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, k across 21 (23: 26: 28: 31: 33) sts from right front, 27 (32: 37: 42: 47: 52) sts from right sleeve, 37 (42: 47: 52: 57: 62) sts from back, 27 (32: 37: 42: 47: 52) sts from left sleeve, 21 (23: 26: 28: 31: 33) sts from left front. 133 (152: 173: 192: 213: 232) sts.

K 1 row.

Buttonhole row (optional)

K2, k2tog, yf, k to end (if not making buttonhole just k across all sts).

K 1 row.

Next row: K18 (20: 23: 25: 28: 30), k2tog, k2, skpo, k21 (26: 31: 36: 41: 46), k2tog, k2, skpo, k31 (36: 41: 46: 51: 56), k2tog, k2, skpo, k21 (26: 31: 36: 41: 46), k2tog, k2, skpo, k18 (20: 23: 25: 28: 30).

K 3 rows.

Next row: K17 (19: 22: 24: 27: 29), k2tog, k2, skpo, k19 (24: 29: 34: 39: 44), k2tog, k2, skpo, k29 (34: 39: 44: 49: 54), k2tog, k2, skpo, k19 (24: 29:

34: 39: 44), k2tog, k2, skpo, k17 (19: 22: 24: 27: 29).

K 3 rows.

Next row: K16 (18: 21: 23: 26: 28), k2tog, k2, skpo, k17 (22: 27: 32: 37: 42), k2tog, k2, skpo, k27 (32: 37: 42: 47: 52), k2tog, k2, skpo, k17 (22: 27: 32: 37: 42), k2tog, k2, skpo, k16 (18: 21: 23: 26: 28).

K 3 rows.

Cont in this way and dec 8 sts on next row and 1 (2: 3: 4: 5: 6) foll 4th rows. 93 (104: 117: 128: 141: 152) sts.

Now dec 8 sts as before on every foll RS row until 61 (64: 69: 72: 77: 80) sts rem.

K 3 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Using a flat seam (working through the edge st on each piece), join side and sleeve seams. Join underarm seam. Sew on button.

MORE IDEAS

From Design It, Knit It Babies by Debbie Bliss, published by Sixth&Spring Books (www.sixthandspringbooks.com)



The very best start

If you're looking for a worthy recipient for your knits, read on to find out how you can help the work of premature baby charity Bliss

Bliss is the UK charity for premature and sick babies, dedicated to ensuring that they have the best possible chance of survival and reaching their full potential. One in every nine babies in the UK is born premature or sick, which is over 80,000 babies every year, and Bliss provides invaluable support to families through one to one support and informative advice publications. Bliss also campaigns on issues affecting special care babies, as well as supporting research.

In order to continue its fantastic work, the charity relies heavily on its volunteers and the general public for their time and fundraising efforts. Bliss has a large team of volunteers across the country who run family support groups and provide one to one support. They also hold a variety of fundraising events up and down the country, including Bake for Bliss and Buggy Push events.

As part of these fundraising activities, the charity has a successful online craft club called Bliss Loves Crafts. The club is free to join and provides access to knitting patterns, all of which are suitable for premature and sick babies – it's

not advised to follow standard baby patterns as a premature baby's skin is extremely fragile and sensitive, so these specially designed patterns will aid their comfort and safety. You can find one of these patterns on page 21, a gorgeous jacket designed, rather appropriately, by Debbie Bliss. The craft club provides a regularly updated list of units that require knitted items and what sizes they need, so you can send your garments directly to the units that need them and they will be donated to the babies. Families are incredibly grateful to receive these handmade

**"One in every nine
babies in the UK
is born premature
or sick"**

gifts, as having a baby in special care can be a very frightening and stressful time. As well as knitting patterns, the club also has recipes and patterns for a variety of other crafts. Even though these can't be sent to units, they can all be sold to raise money for Bliss and help it continue this vital work.

Bliss gives families support at what can be a very stressful time



Your knits are needed for premature and sick babies in hospital



If you would like to join or find out more about the craft club, you can visit www.bliss.org.uk/bliss-loves-crafts. Please note that you need to send knitted items directly to the units, not Bliss itself. If you require support from Bliss, you can call its helpline on 0500 618 140 or visit www.bliss.org.uk



Small beginnings

This irresistible little set by Angela Turner in stripes of soft mint, grey and white makes a sweet gift for a tiny newborn

The best things come in small packages, so the saying goes, and looking at these sweet little accessories we're inclined to agree! Designed for the tiniest newborn babies, this striped set is the perfect gift for those little ones who decide to make an appearance earlier

than planned. The cardigan is super quick to make as it's worked in simple stocking stitch, so you can easily have it knitted up in a weekend, and the matching mitts, booties and hat are sure to be welcomed by parents to help keep their new baby nice and cosy for their **first few weeks**.

ABOUT THIS YARN

PETER PAN DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

170m per 50g

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.29, for stockists call 01943 872 264 or visit www.tbramsden.co.uk

Choose your own stripe colours with the 39 shades of Peter Pan DK on offer

Top Tip



Premature
baby knits
COLLECTION

Knit the
whole set
with just 3
balls of yarn

*Skinny stripes in soft,
neutral shades make for
an adorable knit!*



CARDI, HAT, MITTS & BOOTIES

Knitted in
a machine
washable
yarn



*It won't take you long
to make this pretty
stocking stitch cardigan*

YOU WILL NEED

- ☆ Peter Pan DK 50g in:
White (shade 300) x 1 ball
Bubbles (shade 905) x 1 ball
Mouse (shade 930) x 1 ball
- ☆ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) circular needle

MEASUREMENTS

- ☆ To fit chest 30.5cm (12in)
Actual measurement: 36.75cm (14½in)
- ☆ Hat circumference 30.5cm (12in)

TENSION

- ☆ 24 sts and 32 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ☆ For standard abbreviations see page 87

CARDIGAN

BACK AND FRONTS

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and White, cast on 86 sts (back and fronts knitted in one piece to armhole).

Work 6 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Change to 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and st-st 4 rows.

Change to Mouse and st-st 2 rows.

Change to Bubbles and st-st 4 rows.

Change to Mouse and st-st 2 rows.

The last 12 rows set stripe pattern.

Work a further 12 rows.

RIGHT FRONT

Next row: Using White, k2tog, k16, k2tog, turn.

Work on these 18 sts first.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k18.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, k14, k2tog.

16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, k12, k2tog. 14 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, k10, k2tog.

12 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, k8, k2tog. 10 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, k6, k2tog. 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, k4, k2tog. 6 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, k2, k2tog. 4 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog twice. 2 sts.

Cast off purlways.

BACK

Rejoin yarn to remaining sts.

Row 1: Using White, k2tog, k42, k2tog. 44 sts.

Work on these 44 sts only.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, knit to last

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Don't have the time to knit this set in stripes, or aren't confident in bringing in different yarns? If this is the case, you can use self-striping yarn instead, such as Sirdar Snuggly Baby Crofter DK which comes in a range of colourways. As you knit the design, the stripes will appear!



2sts, k2tog. 42 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 40 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, knit to last 2sts, k2tog. 38 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 36 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 34 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 32 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 30 sts.

Cast off purlways.

LEFT FRONT

Rejoin yarn to rem sts.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, k16, k2tog. 18 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.



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Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, k14, k2tog. 16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, k12, k2tog. 14 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, k10, k2tog. 12 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, k8, k2tog. 10 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, k6, k2tog. 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, k4, k2tog. 6 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, k2, k2tog. 4 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog twice. 2 sts. Cast off purlways.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Using White and

3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 25 sts.

Work 6 rows in 1x1 rib.

Change to 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles.

Cont in stripe patt as folls, inc 1 st each end of first and every following 6th row.

St-st 4 rows.

Change to Mouse and st-st 2 rows.

Change to Bubbles and st-st 4 rows.

Change to Mouse and st-st 2 rows.

The last 12 rows set stripe pattern.

Work a further 12 rows. 33 sts.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 31 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 29 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 27 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts,



Use a row counter when knitting in stripes to help you keep track of where you are

k2tog. 25 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 23 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 21 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 19 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 17 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 15 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Bubbles, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 13 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using Mouse, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 11 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Using White, k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. 7 sts.

Cast off purlways.



Keep delicate hands warm with this pair of tiny mitts



A 1x1 rib gives these booties a nice stretch on the tops

BORDER

With RS facing, using a 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) circular needle and White, pick up and knit 24 sts evenly along right front to shaping, 24 sts to neck, 7 sts across first sleeve, 25 sts along back, 7 sts across second sleeve, 24 sts along neck and 24 sts along left front. 135 sts
Work 2 rows 1x1 rib.

Buttonhole row: Rib 2, (yfwd, k2tog, rib 8) x 2, yfwd, k2tog, rib to end.

Work 2 more rows 1x1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Press cardigan and sleeves lightly. Sew seams together. Cut off all loose ends. Turn right side out. Sew 3 buttons to match buttonholes to finish.

HAT

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles and Bubbles, cast on 72 sts.

Work 10 rows 1x1 rib.

Change to 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and, using White, st-st 2 rows.

Using Mouse, st-st 2 rows.

Using White, st-st 2 rows.

Rep last 4 rows till 7 White stripes have been



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made.

Working in stripe pattern, cont as follows:

Next row: (K6, k2tog) to end. 63 sts.

Next (and every alt) row: Purl.

Next row: (K5, k2tog) to end. 54 sts.

Next row: (K4, k2tog) to end. 45 sts.

Next row: (K3, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end. 27 sts.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) to end. 18 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end. 9 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through stitches. Sew seam and tie in all loose ends securely. Turn right side out, press lightly and fold ribbed edge upwards.

BOOTIES (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Bubbles, cast on 24 sts. Work 20 rows 1x1 rib. Change to 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and Mouse.

Next row: K16, turn. Put rem sts on st holder.

Next row: P8, turn.

Next row: Using White, k8, turn.

Next row: P8.

Cont stripe patt on these 8 sts only until 3 White stripes have been made. Cut yarns.

Next row: With RS facing and using Mouse, pick up and knit 8 sts up instep, knit across 8 sts, pick up and knit 8 sts along instep, k8 from st holder. 32 sts.

Next row: P32, p8 from first row of foot. 40 sts.

Keeping the stripe pattern correct, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: K1, k2tog, k14, k2tog tbl, k2, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k1. 36 sts.

Next (and every alt) row: Purl.

Next row: K16, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k16. 34 sts.

Cast off.

Sew sole seam, up heel and along the ribbed sock. Tie in all loose ends. Turn right side out and press lightly.

MITTENS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Bubbles, cast on 24sts. Work 20 rows 1x1 rib. Change to 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and Mouse.

Next row: (K5, inc in next st) to end. 28 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Change to White to cont stripe patt, working 12 more rows st-st.

Next row: Keeping stripe patt correct, k2tog tbl, k10, k2tog, k2tog tbl, k10, k2tog. 24 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Keeping stripe patt correct, k2tog,

k8, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k8, k2tog. 20 sts.

Cast off purlways.

Sew seam across top and down side.

Turn right side out.

Press lightly then turn cuff up to finish.

MORE IDEAS

Angela Turner designs a range of gorgeous garments and toys for babies, all of which can be seen on her website www.luxurybabyknits.co.uk. If you like her patterns, then check out her circus toy collection in our next issue.



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Summer yarn guide

The sun has got its hat on, hip hip hooray... we share some of the best lightweight yarns with you so baby can keep and look cool this summer!

Ever since the clocks sprung forward we've been looking out for the sunny days of summer, as that means it's time to knit a new wardrobe for baby! We've searched high and low for some of the best summer yarns, and here they are in all their glory, whether you're after something simple and inexpensive or you want to make a luxury gift.



Bergère de France Cabourg

50g
70% acrylic, 30% hemp
RRP £3.55

To buy visit www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

This yarn was originally launched as Cascade, but later renamed Cabourg. It has a fine structure that makes it perfect for the simplest of stitches, showing them off to their full potential, so beginners should definitely take a look. Cabourg is a blend of acrylic and hemp,

which adds some very desirable characteristics, as hemp is soft and strong. And fabrics get even softer with repeated washing, so your knits will just get better and better with time! The colour palette is filled with classic pastel shades, plus a couple of zesty ones that are perfect for older children's garments.



DMC Petra

100g
100% cotton
RRP £5.35

For stockists visit www.dmccreative.co.uk or call 0116 275 4000

Petra is long staple cotton that's great both for knitting and crochet. It's twice mercerised, which makes it both soft and strong – just what you need for baby knits. It's also machine washable at 60°C, another great bonus when knitting for little ones. Petra comes in 60 beautiful shades, from soft pastels to bold brights. And it's available in three thicknesses – 3, 5 and 8; size 8 is the best for knitting. One of the best things about knitting with Petra is that it has a brilliant handle and doesn't tangle easily.



Rico Design Fashion Summer

50g
100% cotton
RRP £3.49

For stockists visit www.rico-design.de

This tape-like yarn is an amazing choice for your summer creations. First, tape yarns are bang on trend right now. Second, it comes in some superb shades such as the zesty orange pictured here, as well as some multicoloured prints too. Third, it's light and fresh, and comfortable for baby to wear in the heat. And, as an extra bonus, this super chunky is also very quick to knit up on 8mm (UK 0/US 11) or 10mm (UK 000/US 15) needles. What more could you ask for? Use it for tops, cardis, vests and more.



Great for quick knit projects

King Cole Opium

100g
54% cotton, 42% acrylic, 4% nylon
RRP £4.69

For stockists visit www.kingcole.co.uk or call 01756 703 670

If you like your yarns fancy, look no further than Opium, one of King Cole's newest creations. This wavy yarn alternates from thin to thick along its length, which creates a light, lace-like fabric that's just right for summer clothes. Knit it up on 6mm (UK 4, US 10) needles for a speedy finish. We recommend using Opium for relatively simple knits, since the gorgeous texture of the yarn speaks for itself.



Great for textured knits

Texere Good Fortune 4ply

50g
100% cotton
RRP £3.45

To buy visit www.texere-yarns.co.uk or call 01274 722 191

Good Fortune is made by Texere and dyed in a lovely range of shades – some bold, some subtle – with many not often seen in cotton yarn ranges. The bright shades are especially suited to summer projects, and the yarn is really soft. It's also highly absorbent, so why not use it to knit some funky nappy covers, to keep baby looking stylish?



Bergère de France Reflet

100g
61% organic cotton, 39% polyester
RRP £7.50

To buy visit www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

Not quite glossy, not quite matt, Bergère's Reflet has a shimmering finish that will give all your summer knits a touch of luxury as they catch the sunlight. It's a good yarn for knitting beginners as it makes even simple stitches stand out, and is lightweight enough for warm weather knits, such as vests and dresses. Machine washable, there are eight lovely shades to choose from.



Great for summer shimmer



YARN GUIDE

Stylecraft Summer Breeze DK

100g
73% acrylic, 27% cotton
RRP £3.89

For stockists visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk or call 01535 609 798

Stylecraft's new Summer Breeze yarn combines the benefits of cotton and acrylic to make it a versatile choice for summer. Acrylic for its lightness, cotton for its durability and breathability, and both for their easy-care properties.

There's a subtle texture running through the yarn, with small slubs creating a fabric that just begs to be touched. It comes in some great shades for the season, is fully machine washable and the pattern support is top-notch too.



Rowan Softknit Cotton

50g
92% cotton, 8% nylon
RRP £4.50

For stockists visit www.knitrowan.com or call 01484 681 881

When you spend time knitting intricate cables and fancy textures, you want to be sure they'll show up, so use Softknit Cotton and be sure that things will be perfectly clear. It has excellent drape, so garments will hang beautifully. Describing it simply as 'soft' doesn't do the yarn justice – it's quite possibly one of the softest yarns we've had the pleasure to use. The addition of nylon makes it extra durable, so it can stand up to repeated wear and washing, with pastels and brights covering all bases.

**Great for
cable
patterns**



Sirdar Cotton Rich Aran

100g
60% cotton, 40% acrylic
RRP £4.79

For stockists visit www.sirdar.co.uk or call 01924 231 682

Yet another great yarn from Sirdar to add to its fab range, Cotton Rich Aran is a blend of cotton and acrylic which has a soft, matt finish. It comes in eight shades which are ideal for summer and is perfect for baby – it's comfy in the heat and machine washable, as well as being beautiful! You can use it to knit any standard Aran pattern, and it's guaranteed to show off your stitches to full effect. Use it for baby clothes and accessories, and for other family members too – this is a super versatile yarn.



Juniper Moon Farm Findley

100g
50% merino wool, 50% silk
RRP £13.99

To buy visit www.deramores.com or call 0800 488 0708

Juniper Moon Farm is located in the rolling hills of Virginia, USA, and is home to the sheep and Angora goats that produce its fine range of yarns. The brand was founded by Susan Gibbs, who says that her flock "has earned a lifetime of R&R, and they will live out their days grazing on sweet grass and sleeping under the stars." Ahhh, makes us feel all warm inside! This particular yarn is an equal mix of merino and silk, and is the epitome of smoothness and shine.

**Great for
luxury
knits**



Texere Victor

200g
100% linen
RRP £6.25

To buy visit www.texere-yarns.co.uk or call 01274 722 191

The name Victor is apt, since this is one strong and tough yarn that sits somewhere between 3 and 4ply. Victor is a smooth, crisp yarn with little drape, which makes it perfect for summer projects that need a bit more rigidity, such as baskets for babies' toys and nappy bags for carrying about all their essentials. However, it can still be used for clothes, as once it's machine washed and tumble dried, it transforms into a soft and wearable yarn, perfect for summer.



Sirdar Beachcomber

50g
100% cotton
RRP £3.18

For stockists visit www.sirdar.co.uk or call 01924 231 682

Beachcomber has a slub texture that creates a lovely soft fabric when knitted and this, combined with the variegated colour effects, gives it a thoroughly 'beachy' look which makes you think of holidays by the sea. It can be used to knit any of Sirdar's DK patterns, so you're spoilt for choice, and you'll love the fact that it's machine washable too, giving you more time to enjoy the sunshine.

**Great for
soft finish
items**



Peter Pan Iced cupcake

Pretty and practical, this sugar pink cardigan is as sweet as frosting on a freshly baked fairycake – we love it!

Great cover
up for the
summer
months



*Lace panels add
pretty detailing to this
sweet cardigan*



LACE CARDIGAN

When it comes to knitting clothes for baby girls, it's so tempting to go all out and pick the girliest shade you can find – and why not? Pretty though it may be, though, with its frilly border and lace knit panels, this cardigan is not in the least bit delicate – in fact, it's a little toughie! Designed just for babies, Peter Pan DK is made from a blend of nylon and acrylic that will stand up to lots of wear and tear, as well as being machine washable.

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Peter Pan DK 50g in Candyfloss (shade 928) x 2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4) balls
- ✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- ✿ Stitch holders
- ✿ 5 (5: 5: 6: 6: 6) buttons (code P3 6171/0005 size 24)

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ To fit 3 months (6 months: 12 months: 18 months: 2 years: 3 years)

TENSION

- ✿ 24 sts and 32 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

PETER PAN DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

170m per 50g

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.29, for stockists call 01943 872 264 or visit www.tbramsden.co.uk

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		3 months	6 months	12 months	18 months	2 years	3 years
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56	61	66
	in	16	18	20	22	24	26
Actual chest	cm	46	51	56	61	66	71
	in	18	20	22	24	26	28
Length from back neck	cm	21	25	29	33	38	42
	in	8¼	9¾	11½	13	15	16½
Sleeve seam	cm	12	15	19	23	27	31
	in	4¾	6	7½	9	10½	12¼

CARDIGAN

BACK

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles cast on 72 (81: 90: 99: 108: 117) sts.

Work lace edging as follows:

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Row 3 (RS): *K3tog, [K1, yfwd] twice, K1, k3tog, rep from * to end. 56 (63: 70: 77: 84: 91) sts.

Row 4: K27 (14: 11: 9: 7: 7), k2tog, [k0 (31: 21: 17: 15: 13), k2tog] 0 (1: 2: 3: 4: 5) times, k27 (14: 11: 9: 7: 7). 55 (61: 67: 73: 79: 85) sts.

Knit a further 2 rows.

These 6 rows complete edging.

Starting with a knit row, continue in st-st throughout as follows:

Work straight until back measures 11 (14: 17: 20: 24: 27)cm (4¼ (5½: 6½: 7¾: 9½: 10½)in) from cast on edge, finishing on a WS row.

Shape raglan armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 49 (55: 61: 67: 73: 79) sts.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sizes only:

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, sl1, k1, pssso, k2.

Next row: P2, p2tog tbl, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, p2. Rep last 2 rows (0: 0: 2: 2) times more. 57 (63: 61: 67) sts.

All sizes:

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, sl1, k1, pssso, k2.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 14 (16: 16: 17: 19) times more, finishing on a WS row.

Cast off remaining 19 (21: 23: 25: 25: 27) sts.

Pocket linings (make 2)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles cast on 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts.

Commencing with a knit row, work in st-st for 14 (16: 18: 20: 22: 24) rows, finishing on a WS row.

Break yarn and leave sts on a st holder.

LEFT FRONT

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles cast on 36 (45: 45: 54: 54: 54) sts.

Work lace edging as follows:

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Row 3 (RS): *K3tog, [k1, yfwd] twice, k1, k3tog, rep from * to end. 28 (35: 35: 42: 42: 42) sts.

Row 4: K6 (1: 4: 2: 5: 20), k2tog, [K12 (4: 10: 4: 8: 0), k2tog] 1 (5: 2: 6: 3: 0) times, K6 (2: 5: 2: 5: 20). 26 (29: 32: 35: 38: 41) sts.

Knit a further 2 rows.

These 6 rows complete edging.

Commencing with a knit row, work in st-st for 14 (16: 18: 20: 22: 24) rows, finishing on a WS row.***

Place pocket

Next row (RS): K7 (7: 9: 9: 11: 11), slip next 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts onto a st holder and, in their place, knit across 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts of first pocket lining, K5 (6: 7: 8: 9: 10).

Start lace pattern:

Row 1 (WS): P8 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14), k2, p3, k2, p11 (12: 15: 16: 19: 20).

Row 2: K11 (12: 15: 16: 19: 20), p2, yon, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yfrn, p2, k8 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14).

Row 3: As row 1.

Row 4: K11 (12: 15: 16: 19: 20), p2, k3, p2, k8 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14).

These 4 rows form lace patt.

Work straight until Left Front matches back to start

of raglan armhole shaping, finishing on a WS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 23 (26: 29: 32: 35: 38) sts.

Work 1 row.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sizes only:

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, patt to end.

Next row: Patt to last 4 sts, p2tog, p2.

Rep last 2 rows (0: 0: 2: 2) times more. (27: 30: 29: 32) sts.

All sizes:

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, patt to end.

Next row: Patt to last 2 sts, p2.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (5: 6: 7: 6: 7) times more, finishing on a wrong side row. 18 (20: 20: 22: 22: 24) sts.

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to end.

Next row: Purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 5 (6: 5: 6: 6: 7) times more, finishing on a WS row. 12 (13: 14: 15: 15: 16) sts.

Shape Neck

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, k5, cast off remaining 3 (4: 5: 6: 6: 7) sts. 8 sts.

Rejoin yarn with WS facing and continue as follows:

Next row (WS): P8.

Next row: [K2, k2tog] twice. 6 sts.

Next row: P6.

Next row: K2, [k2tog] twice. 4 sts.

Next row: P4.

Next row: K1, k3tog tbl.

Next row: P2.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as given for Left Front to ***.

Place pocket

Next row (RS): K5 (6: 7: 8: 9: 10), slip next 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts onto a st holder and: in their place, knit across 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts of second pocket lining: K7 (7: 9: 9: 11: 11).

Start lace pattern:

Row 1 (WS): P11 (12: 15: 16: 19: 20), k2, p3, k2, p8 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14).

Row 2: K8 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14), p2, yon, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yfrn, p2, k11 (12: 15: 16: 19: 20).

Row 3: As row 1.

Row 4: K8 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14), p2, k3, p2, k11 (12: 15:

16: 19: 20).

These 4 rows form lace patt.

Work straight until Right Front matches back to start of raglan armhole shaping, finishing on a RS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 23 (26: 29: 32: 35: 38) sts.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sizes only:

Next row (RS): Patt to last 4 sts, sl1, k1, pssso, k2.

Next row: P2, p2tog tbl, patt to end.

Rep last 2 rows (0: 0: 2: 2) times more. (27: 30: 29: 32) sts.

All sizes:

Next row (RS): Patt to last 4 sts, sl1, k1, pssso, k2.

Next row: P2, patt to end.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (5: 6: 7: 6: 7) times more, finishing on a wrong side row. 18 (20: 20: 22: 22: 24) sts.

Next row (RS): Knit to last 4 sts, sl1, K1, pssso, K2.

Next row: Purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 5 (6: 5: 6: 6: 7) times more: finishing on a wrong side row. 12 (13: 14: 15: 15: 16) sts.

Shape Neck

Next row (RS): Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 6: 7) sts, K to last 4 sts, sl1, k1, pssso, k2. 8 sts.

Next row: P8.

Next row: K2tog, k2, sl1, k1, pssso, k2. 6 sts.

Next row: P6.

Next row: K2tog, sl1, k1, pssso, k2. 4 sts.

Next row: P4.

Next row: K3tog, k1.

Next row: P2.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 45 (45: 45: 54: 54: 54) sts.

Work lace edging as follows:

Knit 2 rows.

Row 3 (RS): *K3tog: [k1, yfwd] twice, k1, k3tog, rep from * to end. 35 (35: 35: 42: 42: 42) sts.

Row 4: K2 (5: 16: 2: 5: 9), k2tog, [K5 (10: 0: 5: 8: 19), k2tog] 4 (2: 0: 5: 3: 1) times, k3 (4: 17: 3: 5: 10). 30 (32: 34: 36: 38: 40) sts.

Knit a further 2 rows.

These 6 rows complete edging.

Starting with a knit row, continue in st-st throughout as follows: ➡



This yarn is inexpensive and practical – for a special occasion cardigan use a silk blend





LACE CARDIGAN

Inc 1 st at both ends of 3rd (5th: 5th: 5th: 7th) and every following alt (4th: 4th: 4th: 6th: 6th) row until there are 34 (46: 44: 42: 58: 58) sts.

1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th sizes only:

Inc 1 st at each end of every following 4th (6th: 6th: 8th) row until there are 42 (50: 54: 62) sts.

All sizes:

Continue without further shaping until Sleeve measures 12 (15: 19: 23: 27: 31)cm (4¾ (6: 7½: 9: 10½: 12¼)in), from cast on edge, finishing on a WS row.

Shape raglan

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 36 (40: 44: 48: 52: 56) sts.

Working all raglan decreases in same way as back raglan decreases, dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until 6 (6: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts remain.

Work 1 row, finishing on a WS row.

Cast off remaining 6 (6: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts.

MAKING UP

Join raglan seams by top sewing.

Button border

With RS facing and using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, pick up and knit 47 (55: 63: 77: 87: 97) sts evenly along left front opening edge, from neck shaping to cast on edge.

Knit 2 rows.



This vibrantly-hued cardigan is just the right shade for summer

Cast off knitways (on WS).

Buttonhole border

With RS facing and using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles pick up and knit 47 (55: 63: 77: 87: 97) sts evenly along right front opening edge, from cast on edge to neck shaping.

Knit 1 row.

Row 2 (RS): K3: *yfwd, k2tog, K8 (10: 12: 12: 14: 16), rep from * to last 4 sts, yfwd, k2tog, K2.

Knit 1 row, inc 2 (1: 0: 0: 4: 1) sts evenly. 49 (56: 63: 77: 91: 98) sts.

Row 4: * [K1, p1, k1] into next st, k2tog, k1, k2tog, [K1, p1, k1] into next st, rep from * to end.

Cast off remaining 63 (72: 81: 99: 117: 126) sts knitways (on WS).

Neckband

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and with RS facing pick up and k8 (11: 11: 11: 12: 12) sts from middle of buttonhole band to raglans 4 (4: 6: 6: 8: 8) sts from sleeve top, 17 (19: 21: 21: 23: 23) sts from back neck, 4 (4: 6: 6: 8: 8) sts from 2nd sleeve top and 9 (11: 12: 12: 12: 12) sts from raglan to middle of button band. 42 (49: 56: 56: 63: 63) sts.

K3 rows.

Next row: *[K1, p1, k1] into next st, k2tog, k1, k2tog, [K1, p1, k1] into next st. Rep from * to end. 54 (63: 72:

72: 81: 81) sts.

Cast off knitways on WS.

Pocket borders (both alike)

Slip 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts left on st holder onto 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and rejoin yarn with RS facing.

Row 1 (RS): K0 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2), [inc in next st, k1 (2: 2: 5: 5: 1)] 6 (4: 4: 2: 2: 7) times: inc in next st, k1 (2: 2: 3: 3: 3). 21 (21: 21: 21: 21: 28) sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Row 5: *[K1, p1, k1] into next st, k2tog, k1, k2tog, [K1, p1, k1] into next st, rept from * to end.

Cast off remaining 27 (27: 27: 27: 27: 36) sts knitways on WS.

Join side and sleeve seams by top sewing.

Sew pocket linings in place on inside and neatly sew down edges of pocket borders.

Sew on buttons.

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

The lace pattern running vertically down the front of this cardi might look intricate and involved, but it's actually incredibly easy to work. If you prefer, you could knit a no-frills version of this cardigan, with a garter stitch border instead of the delicate frill on the cuffs, pockets and hem.



MORE IDEAS

For more knitting patterns and yarn from Peter Pan, plus lots of lovely yarns, log on to www.tbramsden.co.uk, or call 01943 872 264 for more information and stockists.

LACE CARDIGAN

Top
Tip

Fun shaped buttons
add a lovely
finishing touch
– ice cream cones
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KITTEN AND BUNNY

Cuddle buddies

Easy to grab – and to love – this long-legged huggable couple of cuties makes a fine pair of knitted friends for baby. By Ann Franklin

With easy-to-follow making-up instructions

ABOUT THIS YARN

RICO BABY COTTON SOFT DK

50% cashmere, 50% acrylic

125m per 50g

Machine washable at 30°C

£2.49, for stockists visit www.rico-design.de

This delightful duo uses easy stitches and is simple to sew

Kitten Cat and Bunty Bunny come as a pair and know that they'll always have each other, but what they really want is a baby to love and hold them! Knitted in a soft, stretchable cotton mix, this yarn has just the right amount of give that's needed for all those enthusiastic cuddles. Bright colours and squashy bodies mean that these cuties and baby will soon become inseparable.

YOU WILL NEED

For Kitten Cat

- ✿ Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK 50g in: Beige (shade 004) x 1 ball (colour A) Lilac (shade 008) x 1 ball (colour B) Sky Blue (shade 033) x 1 ball (colour C) Small amount of Mouse Grey (shade 026) (colour D)

For Bunty Bunny

- ✿ Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK 50g in: Snow White (shade 018) x 1 ball (colour E) Fuchsia (shade 021) x 1 ball (colour F) Cardinal (shade 022) x 1 ball (colour G) Small amount of Mouse Grey (shade 026) (colour D)

- ✿ 3mm (UK 11, US 2) knitting needles

- ✿ 50g toy stuffing

- ✿ 2 safety pins

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ 35cm (14in) high

TENSION

- ✿ 24 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (4in) using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles, although tension is not vital for this project

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ Rev st-st – as stocking stitch, but using the reverse (purl) side as the right side
- ✿ B&T (break & thread) – break the yarn and thread the tail onto a tapestry needle. Thread the yarn end through the sts on the knitting needle, then take the sts off the needle and pull the tail up to tighten the sts into a circle

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

KITTEN

BODY AND HEAD

Using A and 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: (Kfb) to the end of the row. 12 sts.

Row 2 & every alt row: Purl

Row 3: (Kfb) to the end of the row. 24 sts.

Row 5: (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. 36 sts.

Beginning purl, st-st 23 rows.

Decrease for shoulders & neck:

Row 29: K6, (k2tog) three times, k12, (k2tog) three times, k6. 30 sts.

Row 30: Purl.

Row 31: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. 20 sts.

Row 32: Purl.

Increase for head:

Row 33: (Kfb) to the end of the row. 40 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 19 rows.

Row 53: (K3, k2tog) to the end of the row. 32 sts.

Row 54 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 55: (K2, k2tog) to the end of the row. 24 sts.

Row 57: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. 16 sts.

Row 59: (K2tog) to the end of the row. 8 sts. B&T.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and A, cast on 12 sts.

Beginning knit, st-st 60 rows

Top of Foot

* **Row 61:** K3, leave these 3 sts on a safety pin or spare thread, k6, turn, leaving final 3 sts of the row on a second safety pin or thread.

Row 62 and every alt row: Purl

Row 63: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 65: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 5 rows.

Row 71: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Row 72 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 73: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts.

Row 74: Purl.

Cast off.

Bottom of foot

Row 1: With the right side of the work facing, join in B and knit across the 3 sts left on the second safety pin, working from the edge of the top of the foot towards the seam edge of

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

For toys intended for a baby, it's vital to ensure that any small parts are sewn on firmly. Sewing twice with the yarn and once more with matching sewing thread is a way to ensure this. All small parts must be checked regularly to make sure they're not loose, and re-sewn if necessary.



the leg. Folding the work around so that the right side of the 3 sts left on the first needle are facing you, knit these 3 sts, working across the seam edge of the leg and towards the top of the foot.

Row 2: Purl.

Do not break off B, but join in C and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows C, 2 rows B – to the end of the bottom of the hand.

Row 3: [In C] Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: [In B] Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts. Keeping stripe pattern correct, and beginning purl, st-st 5 rows.

Row 11: [In C] Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: [In B] Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts.

Row 74: Purl.

Cast off in B **.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and A, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 6 sts.

Row 2 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 3: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 5: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Row 7: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 12 sts.

Beginning purl, st-st 45 rows.

Work as for Legs from * (Row 61 on legs) to ** for the top and bottom of the hands.

TAIL

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and A, cast



KITTEN AND BUNNY

on 10 sts.
Beginning knit, st-st 40 rows.
B&T.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and A, cast on 11 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 3: K3, k2tog, k1, ssk, k3. 9 sts.

Row 5: K2, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2. 7 sts.

Row 7: K1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1. 5 sts.

Row 9: K2tog, k1, ssk. 3 sts.

Row 10: P3tog to cast off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and B, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Join in C.

Row 2: [C] Purl.

Row 3: K2, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2. 7 sts.

Row 4: [B] Purl.

Row 5: K1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1. 5 sts.

Row 6: [C] Purl.

Row 7: K2tog, k1, ssk. 3 sts.

Row 8: P3tog to cast off.

COLLAR

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and C, cast on 28 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Cast off in knit.

MAKING UP

BODY AND HEAD

Sew a running stitch through the cast-on stitches and pull these up tightly to close them



Substitute your own leftover bits of yarn to knit up the ears, paws and neckties

into a tight circle. Sew the main seam from the cast-on to the cast-off edge, leaving a small gap for turning. Turn and stuff, then close the gap in the seam. Sew a running stitch through the row below the head increase row and pull this up to form the neck.

LEGS

Turn the leg so that the right sides of the top and bottom of the feet are facing each other, and that they are not twisted around the leg. Join the top of the foot to the bottom of the foot. Join the main leg seam, leaving the cast-on edge open. Turn the foot and leg to the right side and stuff. Sew across the cast-on edge, having the main seam at the centre back. Sew the legs to the base of the body, making sure that the top of the foot is facing forwards.

ARMS

Turn the arm so that the right sides of the top and bottom of the hand are facing each other, and that they are not twisted around the arm. Join the top of the hand to the bottom of the hand. Join the main arm seam up to the shaped portion at the top of the arm. Turn the hand and arm to the right side and stuff. Sew the open stitches to the sides of the body, on top of the shoulder shaping.

EARS

Sew the inner and outer ear pieces together, slightly stretching the inner ear to fit, and leaving the cast-on edges open. Turn the ears to the right-side, and oversew the cast-on edges together. Fold the ears in the centre. Pin and sew to the side of the head. At approx 14 rows above the head increase the row at the bottom, and about 4 rows apart at the top of the head, with the centre fold 2 or 3 stitches behind the front edges.

COLLAR

Place around the neck and join the side seams. (The collar is a tight fit, as it helps to shape the neck).

FACE

Using B, work a few back stitches across the centre stitch at the front of the head. 10 rows above the head increase the row. Using the same yarn, embroider a mouth three rows

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

When sewing the toys' faces, hide the grey yarn so that it doesn't show through from behind the knitting. So after sewing on one eye, take the needle deep back into the stuffing and bring it out again at the position where you want the other eye to be.



below the nose by back stitching a shallow 'w' over the three centre stitches. Using D, work a few back stitches vertically for the eyes, starting 2 rows above the nose and leaving three stitches between the eyes. Using the same yarn, work three long stitches on either side of the face, starting one row below the nose and four stitches apart from each other, for the whiskers.

BUNNY

HEAD AND BODY

Make exactly the same as the head and body for the kitten, except using E instead of A throughout.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US2) needles and E, cast on 12 sts.

Beginning knit, st-st 60 rows.

Top of Foot

Row 61: K3, leave these 3 sts on a safety pin or spare thread, k6, turn, leaving final 3 sts of the row on a second safety pin or thread.

Row 62 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 63: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 65: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Row 67: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 12 sts.

Beginning purl, st-st 9 rows.

Row 77: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 10 sts.

Row 78 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 79: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Row 81: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts.

Row 83: Purl. 🐰





Brightly coloured ears
and paws add a fun
touch to this toy



Top
Tip

Include the washing
instructions if
giving these toys as
a gift, as parents
will find this helpful!

Row 19: Purl.

Row 20: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts.

Row 21: Purl.

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and E, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 6 sts.

Row 2 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 3: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 5: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Row 7: Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 12 sts.

Beginning purl, st-st 45 rows.

Top of Hand

Row 53: K3, leave these 3 sts on a safety pin or spare thread, k6, turn, leaving final 3 sts of the row on a second safety pin or thread.

Row 54 and every alt row: Purl.

Row 55: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 57: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Beginning purl, st-st 5 rows.

Row 63: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Row 64: Purl.

Row 65: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts.

Row 66: Purl.

Cast off.

Bottom of Hand

Row 1: With the right side of the work facing, join in F and knit across the 3 sts left on the second safety pin, working from the edge of the top of the foot towards the seam edge of the leg. Folding the work around so that the right side of the 3 sts left on the first needle are facing you, knit these 3 sts, working across the

Cast off.

Bottom of Foot

Row 1: With the right side of the work facing, join in F and knit across the 3 sts left on the second safety pin, working from the edge of the top of the foot towards the seam edge of the leg. Folding the work around so that the right side of the 3 sts left on the first needle are facing you, knit these 3 sts, working across the seam edge of the leg and towards the top of the foot.

Row 2: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts. (Note that the bottom of the feet and hands are

worked in reversed stocking stitch, so this row is knit, not purl.)

Do not break off F, but join in G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows G, 2 rows F – to the end of the bottom of the hand.

Row 3: [In G] Purl.

Row 4: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Row 5: [In F] Purl.

Row 6: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 12 sts.

Keeping stripe pattern correct, and beginning purl, st-st 9 rows.

Row 16: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 10 sts.

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

seam edge of the leg and towards the top of the foot.

Row 2: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Do not break off F, but join in G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows G, 2 rows F – to the end of the bottom of the hand.

Row 3: [In G] Purl.

Row 4: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts. Keeping stripe pattern correct, and beginning purl, st-st 5 rows.

Row 10: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts.

Row 13: Purl.

Cast off.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and E, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 10 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 35 rows.

Row 39: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 43: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 47: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 4 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 51: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 2 sts.

Row 52: Purl.

Row 53: K2tog to cast off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Use reverse stocking stitch.

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and F, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 [WS]: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 6 sts. Do not break off F, but join in G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows G, 2 rows F – to the end of the bottom of the hand.

Row 2: [G] Purl.

Row 3: Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 8 sts. Beginning purl and F, st-st 35 rows in 2 colour striped pattern as set.

Row 39: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 6 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 43: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 4 sts. Beginning purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 47: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 2 sts.

Row 48: Purl.

Row 49: K2tog to cast off.

TAIL

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and F, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. 18 sts.

Do not break off F, but join in G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows G, 2 rows F.

Row 2: [G] Purl.

Row 3: K2, kfb to the end of the row. 24 sts.

Row 4: [F] Purl.

Row 5: K3, kfb to the end of the row. 30 sts. Beginning purl (and G), st-st 5 rows in 2 colour stripes as set.

Row 11: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. 20 sts.

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: K2tog to the end of the row. 10 sts. B&T

COLLAR

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and F, cast on 28 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Cast off in knit.

BOW

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and F, cast on 12 sts.

Work 10 rows in g-st.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Make up exactly the same as the kitten, except for the face, ears and tail, taking special note that the bottom of the hands and feet are worked in reverse stocking stitch, so that the 'purl' side is the right side.

EARS

With right sides together, sew the inner ear to the outer ear, leaving the cast-on edges open for turning. Turn to the right side and stuff very lightly. Oversew the cast-on edges together, then sew the ears to either side of the head, outer ear upwards.

FACE

Using B, work a few back stitches across the centre stitch at the front of the head, 10 rows above the head increase row. Using the same yarn, embroider a mouth three rows below the

nose by back stitching an inverted 'w' over the three centre stitches. Using D, work a few back stitches vertically for the eyes, starting 2 rows above the nose and leaving 3 stitches between the eyes. Using the same yarn, work three long stitches on either side of the face, starting one row below the nose and four stitches apart from each other, for the whiskers.

TAIL

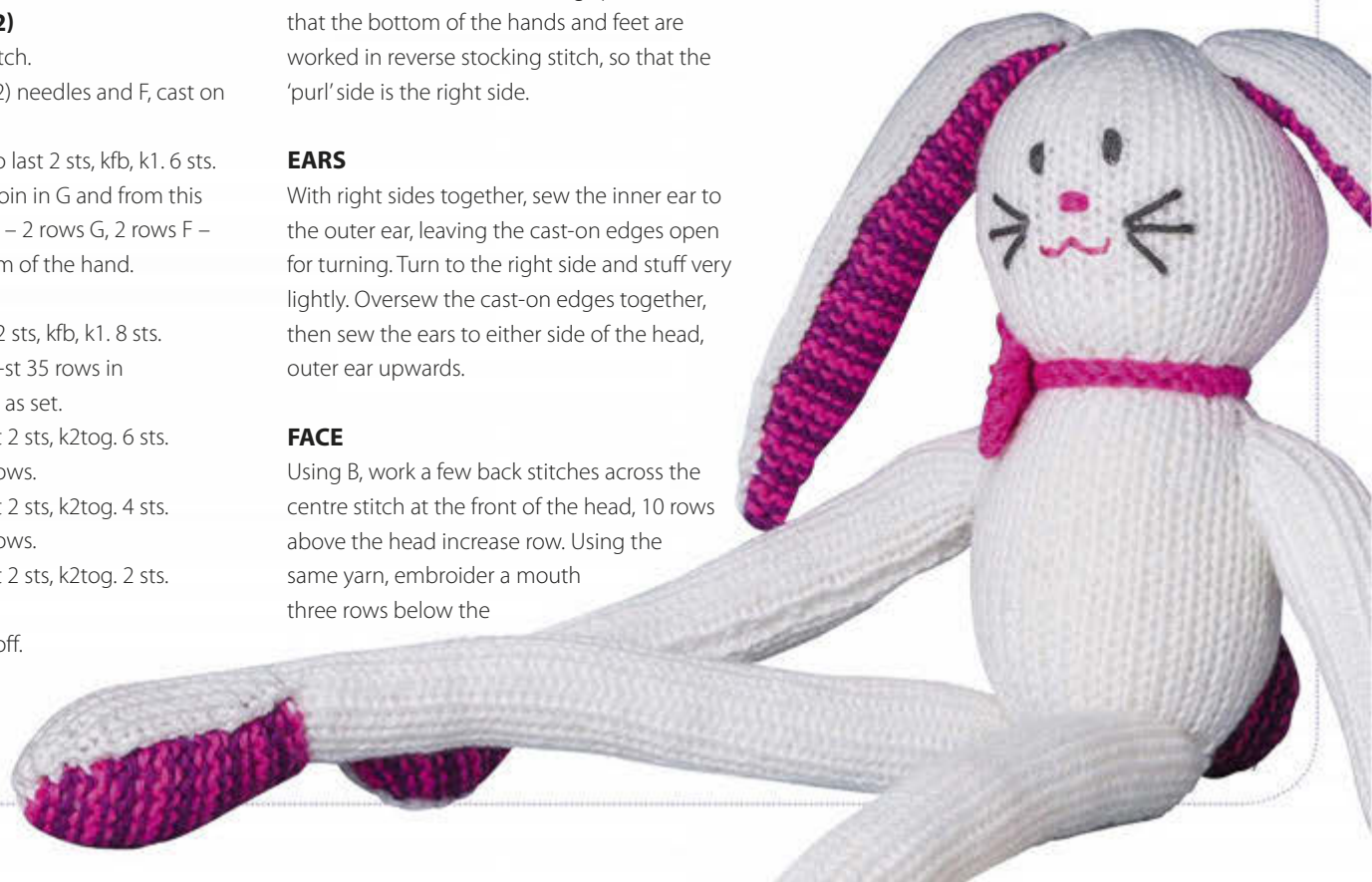
Sew the main seam, leaving the cast-on edge open. Stuff the tail. Sew the open edge of the tail to the back of the rabbit.

BOW

Sew to the collar across the bow's centre, pulling up the stitching to create the bow shape.

MORE IDEAS

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Feeling fruity

It's summertime and the knitting is easy with this citrus romper suit and its zesty melon motif

Have a
go at
intarsia
technique

*Follow the chart over the
page to complete the
melon motif*



ROMPER SUIT

Looking adorable will come easily to tiny tots dressed in this chic combi shorts outfit from Bergère de France. In zingy lime with a big slice of melon decorating the front, this is ideal babywear for the hotter months, and you'll definitely be packing it in the suitcase come the holidays. Coton Fifty is a fine yarn but not fragile, and it has a silky sheen to it that's guaranteed to give those stitches high definition, as well as keeping a little one cool.

YOU WILL NEED

✿ Bergère de France Quality Coton Fifty 50g in: Citron (426.501) x 2 (2: 3) balls (colour A) Coco (224.931) x 1 (1: 1) balls (colour B) Ecarlate (231.651) x 1 (1: 1) balls (colour C) Gingembre (426.531) x 1 (1: 1) balls (colour D) Zan (242.911) x 1 (1: 1) balls (colour E)

✿ 2.5mm (UK 13, UK 1) and 3mm (UK 11, US 2) knitting needles

✿ 3mm (UK 11) crochet hook

✿ 4 Bergère de France 10mm press studs (604.671)

MEASUREMENTS

✿ 3 months (6 months: 12 months)

TENSION

✿ 26 sts and 27 rows in st-st over a 10cm (4in) square, using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

✿ 1/1 rib: K1, p1

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

BERGÈRE DE FRANCE QUALITY COTON FIFTY

50% acrylic, 50% cotton

140m per 50g

Machine washable at 30°C

£2.76 from www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

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PATTERN NOTES

Stitches worked with E will be embroidered in duplicate stitch.

FRONT

Left leg

Using 2.5mm (UK 13, US 1) needles and A, cast on 35 (37: 41) sts.

Work in 1/1 rib for 1.5cm (½in) and 6 rows.

Change to 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and work as foll until work measures 2.5cm (1in) and 10 rows total: 29 (32: 35) sts in st-st and for size 6 months only inc 1 st on 1st row, 6 sts in 1/1 rib for crotch edging starting with p1 (= 35 (38: 41) sts).

Inc on left edge as foll, 7 sts in from edge (work the inc sts in st-st):

3 months: 1 st twice every 2nd row.

6 months: 1 st twice every 4th row.

12 months: 1 st twice every 6th row.

Work as set until work measures 3.5 (4.5: 5.5)

cm (1¼: (1¾: 2)in) and 14 (18: 20) rows total.

Leave on hold the 37 (40: 43) sts obtained on a spare needle.

Right leg

Work as for left leg, reversing all shapings.

Beginning of body: place back on same needle all sts from both legs and work 1st row as foll: 31 (34: 37) sts in st-st, k2tog 3 times, cast on 1 extra st, then k1, k2tog 3 times. 30 (33: 36) sts in st-st.

Cont and work even in st-st over the 69 (75: 81) sts obtained until work measures 13.5 (15.5: 17.5)cm (5¼ (6: 6¾)in) and 50 (58: 64) rows total. Change to 2.5mm (UK 13, US 1) needles and work in 1/1 rib for 8 rows.

Change to 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and work in st-st until work measures 17.5 (19.5: 21.5)cm (6¾ (7½: 8½)in) and 66 (74: 80) rows total.

Work in intarsia and foll chart centred over 41 centre sts (= on first row work 31 (34: 37) sts with A, 12 sts D, 26 (29: 32) sts with A). Once you have completed 45th row of chart, change to A and st-st over all sts.

And meanwhile, when work measures 18.5 (20.5: 22.5)cm (7¼ (8: 8¾)in) and 70 (78: 84) rows total, dec at each end as foll, 2 sts in from edge:

3 months: *1 st twice every 4th row, 1 st once every 2nd row *, work 4 times total from * to *.

6 months: 1st 3 times every 2nd row, 1st 9



times every 4th row.

12 months: 1 st 12 times every 4th row.

To decrease 1 st, 2 sts in from edge: k2, k2tog, cont row until 4 sts rem on LH needle, sl1, k1, pssso, k2.

Cont and work even over the 45 (51: 57) rem sts until work measures 29.5 (32.5: 35.5)cm (11½ (12¾: 14)in) and 110 (122: 132 rows) total.

Change to 2.5mm (UK 13, US 1) needles and work in 1/1 rib for 12 rows.

Then for top of body cast off all sts purlwise on RS. ✿



Top Tip

If you block your knitted pieces, this will help to even out the intarsia pattern

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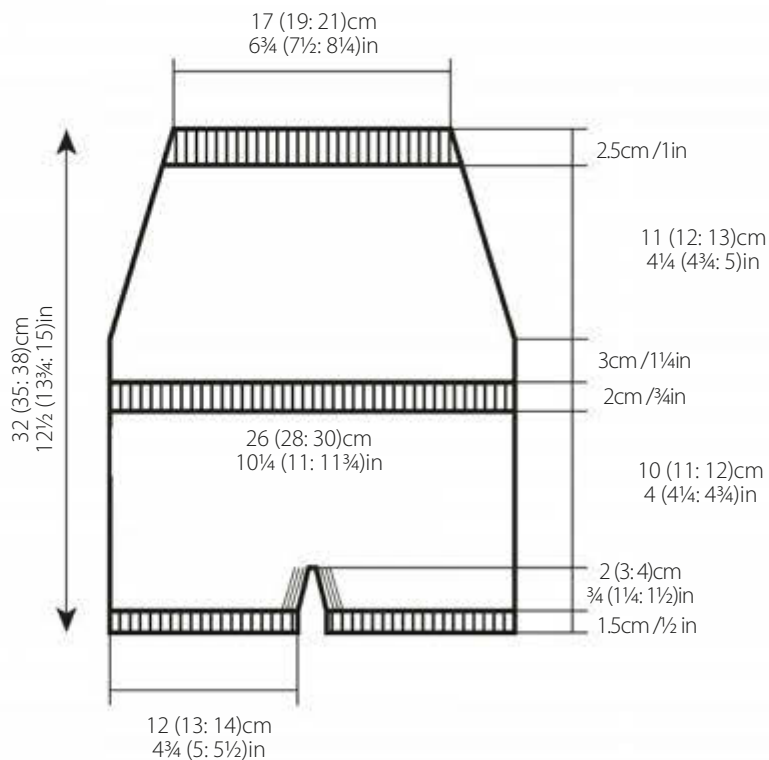
*This suit is very practical
for little ones who want
to run about!*





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DIAGRAM

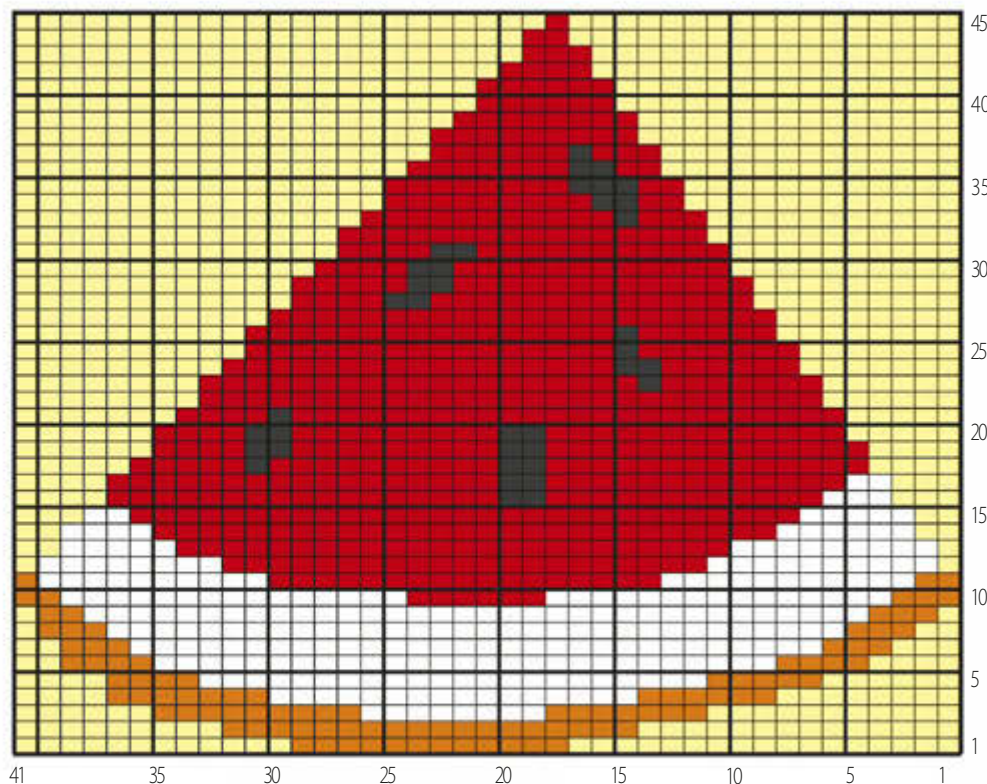


CHART

KEY

■ = 1 st A
■ = 1 st D
■ = 1 st B

■ = 1 st C
■ = 1 embroidered st E



IT'S IN THE DETAIL

With the intarsia technique, you're using different yarns to create blocks of colour and, when changing shades, unused ends are left dangling at the back. To prevent any holes from forming, twist the different shades of yarn together when changing colour.



BACK

Work as for front but without the intarsia motif.

STRAPS (MAKE 2)

Using a 3mm (UK 11, US 2) crochet hook, make a foundation chain of 100 ch. Work 1 dc in 2nd ch and in each foll ch. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using E, embroider the seeds in duplicate st. Sew side seams of garment. Sew press studs evenly spaced along crotch edgings. Sew one end of each strap to front top of body, each separated by 7 (8: 9)cm (2¾ (3: 3½)in). Tie straps in the back to wear. Secure and weave in ends.

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Look and touch

Ann Franklin's beautiful patchwork blanket is the ideal way for little ones to explore different colours and textures

Every baby needs some tummy time – the opportunity to lie on their stomach and play, as this not only strengthens the neck and back, but also provides them with a different view of the world. Ann has designed a blanket specifically for this activity, featuring vibrant

hues to stimulate a baby's vision, plus lots of decorative knitting stitches that make exciting textures. The added bonus is that, as well as being fun for a baby to touch, knitting these stitches in small squares is a great introduction to them if you've not made them before!

ABOUT THIS YARN

HAYFIELD BABY DK

70% acrylic, 30% nylon

350m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°C

£9.50, for stockists call 01924 231 682 or visit www.sirdar.co.uk

You can use any DK yarn that you have in your stash to knit this blanket

Top Tip



Made in soft
and machine
washable
yarn

*Your baby will love
spending time playing
on this blanket!*



TUMMY TIME BLANKET



YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Hayfield Baby DK 100g in:
Pickle (404) x 1 ball (colour A)
In the Limelight (462) x 1 ball (colour B)
Truly Turquoise (460) x 1 ball (colour C)
Rosie Red (463) x 1 ball (colour D)
Eyepopping Pink (461) x 1 ball (colour E)
Pretty Violet (457) x 1 ball (colour F)
Mr Blue Sky (459) x 1 ball (colour G)
Pretty Little Lemon (452) x 1 ball (colour H)
Cream (451) x 1 ball (colour I)

- ✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

- ✿ 50g (2oz) wadding

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ Approx. 80 x 80 cm (31½ x 31½ in)

TENSION

- ✿ 22 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) square, using 4mm needles, although tension isn't important to this project

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ P3tog: purl the next 3 stitches together
- ✿ MB: make bobble – knit into the front, back and front of the next st (3 sts made); turn; k3, turn; p3, turn; k3, turn; sl1, k2tog, psso

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

BLANKET

TEXTURED PATTERN SIDE

All of the squares are 44 stitches x 56 rows. Therefore for each square, use 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and cast on 44 stitches, work in the pattern set for each square for 55 rows, and cast off on row 56. This means that not all patterns have fully complete pattern repeats at the end of the square. This is not important, as long as the correct number of rows are worked, so just repeat as many rows of the pattern as is possible.

Square one – boxes

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: (P4, k4) to the last 4 sts, p4.

Row 4: (K4, p4) to the last 4 sts, k4.

Row 5: (P4, k4) to the last 4 sts, p4.

Row 6: (K4, p4) to the last 4 sts, k4.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Knit.

These 8 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square two – bobbles

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K4, (MB, k8) to the last 4 sts, MB, k3.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K8, (MB, k8) to the end of the row.

Row 8: Purl.

These 8 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square three – reverse dot stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and C, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: (P1, k3) to the end of the row.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: K2, (p1, k3) to the last 2sts, p1, k1.

These 4 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56. ✿



If you're new to these stitches, knit a practice swatch first to try them out



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IT'S IN THE DETAIL

When making up the blanket, it can be helpful, especially for the textured squares, to pin a 20cm (8in) length of felt or similar material just below where you are sewing each pair of squares together to ensure that the finished seam is the correct length.



Square four – mistake rib

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and D, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: (P2, k2) to the end of the row.

Row 2: K1, (p2, k2) to the last 3 sts, p2, k1.

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square five – dot stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and E, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: (P1, k3) to the end of the row.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2, (p1, k3) to the last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Row 4: Purl.

These 4 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square six – stocking stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and F, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square seven – moss stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and G, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: (K1, p1) to the end of the row.

Row 2: (P1, k1) to the end of the row.

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square eight – perigord stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and H, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: P3, (yrn, p2, pass yrn over the p2 just worked, p2) to the last st, p1.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: P1, (yrn, p2, pass yrn over the p2 just worked, p2) to the last 3 sts, yrn, P2, pass yrn over the P2 just worked, p1.

These 4 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in purl on row 56.

Square nine – bramble stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and G, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: (Knit, purl and knit all into the front of the next st, p3tog) to the end of the row.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: (P3tog, knit, purl and knit all into the front of the next st) to the end of the row. These 4 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in purl on row 56.

Square ten – double rib

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and H, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: P3, (k2, p2) to the last 5 sts, k2, p3.

Row 2: K3, (p2, k2) to the last 5 sts, p2, k3.

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square eleven – ringwood stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to the end of the row.

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square twelve – diagonal rib

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and E, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: (K2, p2) to the end of the row.

Row 2: As Row 1.

Row 3: K1, (p2, k2) to the last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Row 4: P1, (k2, p2) to the last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Row 5: (p2, k2) to the end of the row.

Row 6: As row 5.

Row 7: P1, (k2, p2) to the last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Row 8: K1, (p2, k2) to the last 3 sts, p2, k1.

These 8 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square thirteen – double moss stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: K2, p2 to the end of the row.

Row 2: As Row 1.

Row 3: P2, k2 to the end of the row.

Row 4: As Row 3.

These 4 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square fourteen – reverse stocking stitch

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and C, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square fifteen – horizontal stripes

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and D, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 3–8: repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Knit.

Rows 11–16: repeat rows 9 and 10.


These 16 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56.

Square sixteen – reverse ringwood pattern

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and F, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to the end of the row

These 2 rows set the pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in pattern on row 56. 



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COLOURED PATTERN SIDE

All of the squares are 44 stitches x 56 rows. Therefore for each square, use 4mm (UK 8 US 6) needles and cast on 44 stitches, work in stocking stitch in the colours given for each square for 55 rows, and cast off on row 56.

Striped Squares

Make 4 in the following colours:

Square 1: M (main) - colour A/C (contrast) - colour H.

Square 7: M - colour C/C - colour D.

Square 10: M - colour F/C - colour I.

Square 16: M - colour E/C - colour B.

Note: Join in both colours at the beginning of the square, and carry none working colours loosely up the side of the square rather than breaking off the colours.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: M - knit.

Row 2: M - purl.

Row 3: C - knit.

Row 4: C - purl.

These 4 rows set the colour pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked. Cast off in appropriate colour on row 56.

Checkerboard squares

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 2: M - colour D/C - colour H.

Square 12: M - colour G/C - colour I.

Note: Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour section. You will need to wind off a small ball (less than 10g) of each colour for the second section of each colour before you start to knit.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit 11M, 11C, 11M, 11C.

Row 2: Purl 11C, 11M, 11C, 11M.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 six more times.

Row 15: Knit 11C, 11M, 11C, 11M.

Row 16: Purl 11M, 11C, 11M, 11C.

Repeat rows 15 and 16 six more times.

Row 29: As row 1.

Row 30: As row 2.

Repeat rows 29 and 30 six more times.

Row 43: As row 15.

Row 44: As row 16.

Repeat rows 43 and 44 six more times, casting off on the final row (row 56) in the colours as set.

Rectangle squares

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 3: M - colour A/C - colour I.

Square 5: M - colour I/C - colour C.

Note: Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour section. You will need to wind off a small ball (less than 10g) of each colour for each section of each colour before you start to knit - you will need 5 separate balls in M and 4 separate balls in C.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Beginning knit, work 6 rows in stocking stitch.

Row 7: Knit 6M, 32C, 6M.

Row 8: Purl 6M, 32C, 6M.

Repeat rows 7 and 8 once.

Row 11: Knit 6M, 4C, 24M, 4C, 6M.

Row 12: Purl 6M, 4C, 24M, 4C, 6M.

Repeat rows 11 and 12 once.

Row 15: Knit 6M, 4C, 4M, 16C, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Row 16: Purl 6M, 4C, 4M, 16C, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Repeat rows 15 and 16 once.

Row 19: Knit 6M, 4C, 4M, C4, 8M, C4, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Row 20: Purl 6M, 4C, 4M, C4, 8M, C4, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Repeat rows 19 and 20 nine times more.

Rows 39-42: As rows 15-18.

Rows 43-46: As rows 11-14.

Rows 47-50: As rows 7-10.

Working in M only, and beginning knit, work 5 rows in stocking stitch. Cast off on row 56 in purl.

Windmill squares

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 4: M - colour B/C - colour D.

Square 14: M - colour G/C - colour I.

Note: Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour section. You will need to wind off a small ball (less than 10g) of each colour for each section of each colour before you start to knit - you will need 3 separate balls of each in M and in C. Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Having all odd rows knit, and all even rows purl,

work in the following colours:

Rows 1 and 2: 8M, 28C, 8M.

Rows 3 and 4: 9M, 26C, 9M.

Rows 5 and 6: 10M, 24C, 10M.

Rows 7 and 8: 11M, 22C, 11M.

Rows 9 and 10: 12M, 20C, 12M.

Rows 11 and 12: 13M, 18C, 13M.

Rows 13 and 14: 14M, 16C, 14M.

Rows 15 and 16: 15M, 14C, 15M.

Rows 17 and 18: 16M, 12C, 16M.

Rows 19 and 20: 17M, 10C, 17M.

Rows 21 and 22: 18M, 8C, 18M.

Rows 23 and 24: 19M, 6C, 19M.

Rows 25 and 26: 20M, 4C, 20M.

Rows 27 and 28: 21M, 2C, 21M.

Rows 29 and 30: 21C, 2M, 21C.

Rows 31 and 32: 20C, 4M, 20C.

Rows 33 and 34: 19C, 6M, 19C.

Rows 35 and 36: 18C, 8M, 18C.

Rows 37 and 38: 17C, 10M, 17C.

Rows 39 and 40: 16C, 12M, 16C.

Rows 41 and 42: 15C, 14M, 15C.

Rows 43 and 44: 14C, 16M, 14C.

Rows 45 and 46: 13C, 18M, 13C.

Rows 47 and 48: 12C, 20M, 12C.

Rows 49 and 50: 11C, 22M, 11C.

Rows 51 and 52: 10C, 24M, 10C.

Rows 53 and 54: 9C, 26M, 9C.

Row 55: 8C, 28M, 8C.

Cast off in purl using colours as set in row 55.

Christmas tree squares

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 6: M - colour A/C - colour B.

Square 13: M - colour I/C - colour F.

Note: Do not break off the contrast colour - it can be stranded at the back of the work between each contrast section.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Beginning knit, st-st 6 rows.

Row 7: Knit 2M, 40C, 2M.

Row 8: Purl 2M, 40C, 2M.

Repeat rows 7 and 8 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 15: Knit 5M, 34C, 5M.

Row 16: Purl 5M, 34C, 5M.

Repeat rows 15 and 16 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 23: Knit 8M, 28C, 8M.

Row 24: Purl 8M, 28C, 8M.

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Repeat rows 23 and 24 once.
Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 31: Knit 11M, 22C, 11M.

Row 32: Purl 11M, 22C, 11M.

Repeat rows 31 and 32 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 39: Knit 14M, 16C, 14M.

Row 40: Purl 14M, 16C, 14M.

Repeat rows 39 and 40 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 47: Knit 17M, 10C, 17M.

Row 48: Purl 17M, 10C, 17M.

Repeat rows 47 and 48 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 5 rows in M.

Cast off in purl.

Quarters squares

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 8: M – colour E/C – colour I.

Square 11: M – colour I/C – colour B.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Row 1: Knit 22M, 22C.

Row 2: Purl 22C, 22KM.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 thirteen times more. 28 rows.

Row 29: Knit 22C, 22M.

Row 30: Purl 22M, 22C.

Repeat rows 29–30 twelve times more, then row 29 once more. 55 rows.

Cast off in purl in colours as set.

Diamond squares

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 9: M – colour E/C – colour I.

Square 15: M – colour H/C – colour C.

Note: Do not break

off the contrast colour – it can be stranded at the back of the work between each contrast section.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and main colour, cast on 44 sts.

Beginning knit, st-st 6 rows.

Row 7: Knit 20M, 4C, 20M.

Row 8: Purl 20M, 4C, 20M.

Repeat rows 7 and 8 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 15: Knit 16M, 12C, 16M.

Row 16: Purl 16M, 12C, 16M.

Repeat rows 15 and 16 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 23: Knit: 12M, 20C, 12M.

Row 24: Purl: 12M, 20C, 12M.

Repeat rows 23 and 24 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 31: Knit 12M, 20C, 12M.

Row 32: Purl 12M, 20C, 12M.

Repeat rows 31 and 32 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 39: Knit 16M, 12C, 16M.

Row 40: Purl 16M, 12C, 16M.

Repeat rows 39 and 40 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 4 rows in M.

Row 47: Knit 20M, 4C, 20M.

Row 48: Purl 20M, 4C, 20M.

Repeat rows 47 and 48 once.

Beginning knit, st-st 5 rows in M.

Cast off in purl.

MAKING UP

Finish off all yarn ends neatly and securely on the colour pattern squares.

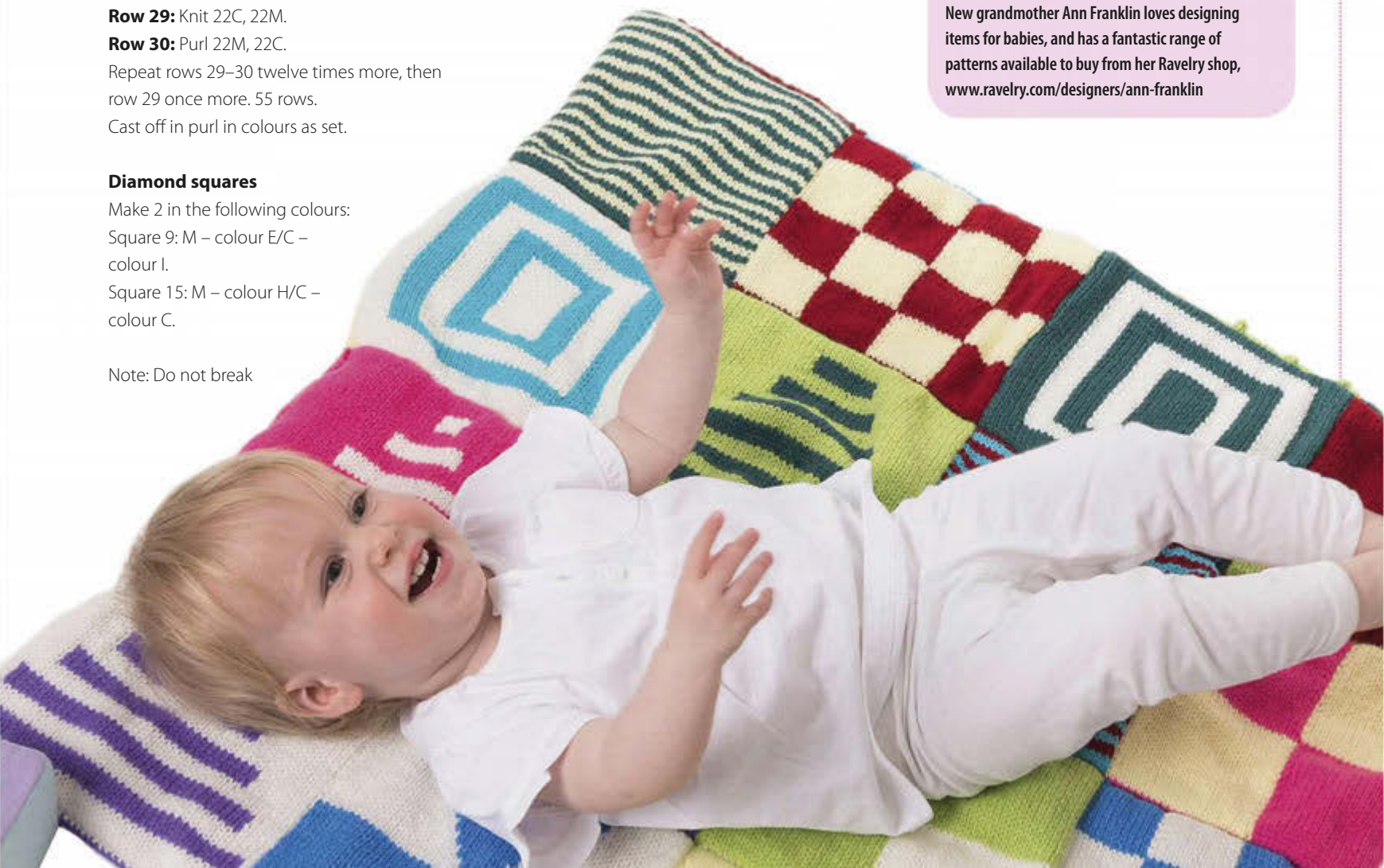
Using the square placement plan to place the squares correctly, sew the textured squares together using back stitch. Do the same for the colour pattern squares. Make sure that all squares are orientated in the same way.

Using sewing thread, oversew the wadding onto the back of the colour pattern squares along all four edges, just inside the seam line. Place the textured and colour pattern squares right sides together, matching seams and corners. Back stitch together along three sides, leaving the bottom edge open.

Turn to the right side and then oversew the bottom edge closed.

MORE IDEAS

New grandmother Ann Franklin loves designing items for babies, and has a fantastic range of patterns available to buy from her Ravelry shop, www.ravelry.com/designers/ann-franklin



Bear essentials

These furry matching accessories needn't be saved for arctic temperatures – pop them on your little cub when the sun goes in

The British summertime is so unpredictable – one minute you're racing to find a patch of shade and rummaging for your little one's sunhat, the next you're wishing you'd brought an extra cardi or huddling under an umbrella. Knitted in a snuggly, fleecy yarn that's both light and

warm, this matching set may be inspired by a bear who's used to below-zero temperatures rather than the odd chilly spell, but it's perfect for adding an extra layer of warmth when the sun hides behind a cloud. You could even make a matching hat with ears, to complete the look!

ABOUT THIS YARN

SIRDAR SNUGGLY SNOWFLAKE CHUNKY

100% polyester

62m per 25g

Machine washable at 40°C

**£2.39, for stockists call 01924 369 666
or visit www.sirdar.co.uk**

**Top
Tip**

Snowflake yarn
can be difficult
to work with, so it's
easier to keep your
stitches fairly loose

Knitted in
super-soft
yarn for a
cuddly finish





YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Chunky 25g in Creamy White (shade 0631) x 1 ball (colour MC)
- Patons Wool Blend Aran 100g ball in Cream (shade 002) x 1 ball (colour CC1)
- Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK 100g ball in Black (shade 965) x 1 ball (colour CC2)
- ❖ 5.5mm (UK 5, US 9) knitting needles and 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles
- ❖ 2 x 5mm (UK 6, US 8) dpns
- ❖ 2 buttons (13 mm (½in) in diameter)
- ❖ 2 small snap fasteners

MEASUREMENTS

- ❖ Shoes: 0-3 months (length 10cm (4 in), width 6cm (2½in)); 3-6 months (length 11.5cm (4½in), width 7cm (2¾in)); 6-12 months (length 13cm (5in), width 8cm (3in)).
- Mittens: One size (length 12cm (4¾in), width 8cm (3in))

TENSION

- ❖ 14 sts and 28 rows in g-st over 10cm (4in) on 5.5mm (UK 5, US 9) needles with MC

ABBREVIATIONS

- ❖ For standard abbreviations see page 87

SHOES

RIGHT SHOE (MAKE 1)

With MC and 5.5mm needles (UK 5, US 9), cast on 20 (24: 28) sts.

Row 1 and every alt row (WS): Knit.

Row 2 (RS): *Kfb, k8 (10: 12), kfb* twice. 24 (28: 32) sts.

Row 4: *K1, kfb, K8 (10: 12), kfb, k1* twice. 28 (32: 36) sts.

Row 6: K2, *kfb, k8 (10: 12), kfb*, k1, kfb twice, k1, rep from * to *. 34 (38: 42) sts.

Work 5 (7: 9) rows in g-st.

Top of right shoe

Row 1: K8 (10: 12), ssk 4 times, k2, k2tog 4 times, k8 (10: 12). 26 (30: 34) sts.

Row 2: K6 (7: 8) (group A), cast off 14 (16: 18) sts, knit rem sts (group B). 12 (14: 16) sts.***

Row 3: K6 (7: 8) sts (group B), turn leaving group A sts unworked.

Row 4: Using cable cast on, cast on 12 (14: 16) sts at beg of row, then knit all sts. 18 (21: 24) sts. Cast off, then work on the group A sts with RS facing you.

Next 3 rows: Knit. 6 (7: 8) sts.

Cast off.

Sew the sole and back seam of the shoe, then sew snap fasteners to the end of the strap and side of shoe and add a small button on top of the strap to decorate.

LEFT SHOE (MAKE 1)

Foll the right shoe pattern to ***.

Next 3 rows: Knit (group B). 6 (7: 8) sts.

Cast off, then work on the group A sts with RS facing you.

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Snowflake yarn doesn't stretch as much as most yarns, so the cuff for the mittens has been worked in aran yarn. If you're new to knitting, snowflake yarn can be tricky to work with, so if you prefer, you could use a chunky yarn instead to make it a little easier to knit the stitches.



Next 2 rows: Knit. 6 (7: 8) sts.

Foll row: Rep top of right shoe pattern row 4. 18 (21: 24) sts.

Cast off.

Finish as for the right shoe.

PAW PRINTS (MAKE 2 LARGE AND 6 SMALL)

Large pad

With CC2 and 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1: *Kfb* to end of row. 14 sts.

Rows 2-4: Knit.

Row 3: *Kfb, k1* to end of row. 21 sts.

Row 5: *Kfb, k2* to end of row. 28 sts.

Cast off all sts loosely. Gather cast on sts



If you're short on time you can always add black felt circles for the paw prints



Your baby can expect lots of cuddles in these bear-illiant accessories



together and join side edges to form a circle. Sew on to sole of shoe or front of mitten.

Small pad

Work as for the large pad pattern but work row 1 only, then cast off all sts loosely and finish as for large pad.

MAKING UP

Sew the paw prints on to each shoe, then or mitten.

MITTENS (MAKE 2)

With CC1 and 5.5mm (UK 5, US 9) needles cast on 22 sts.

Row 1 (RS): *K1, p1* to end.

Rows 2-6: Rep row 1.

Change to MC and work g-st until knitted piece

is 10cm (4in) long, ending with a WS row.

Shape mitten top

Row 1 (RS): K1, ssk, k5, k2tog, K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, K1. 18 sts.

Row 2 and foll alt rows: Knit.

Row 3: K1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1. 14 sts.

Row 5: *K2tog* to end of row. 7 sts.

Break the yarn, thread through the sts and gather to cast off the top of the mitten.

Sew the side seams.

Mitten loop

With CC1 and 5mm (UK 6, US 8) dpns cast on 4 sts and work an I-cord until you have an 8cm (3in) length. Cast off. Sew the ends of the I-cord

to the top of the mitten.

PAW PRINTS (MAKE 2 LARGE AND 6 SMALL)

Repeat as for the shoes, then sew to the mittens using the photograph as a guide.

MORE IDEAS

This project is taken from
Animal Knits for Kids
by Amanda Berry, with
photography by Jessica
Morgan (£12.99, Apple Press)





COAT AND BLANKET

Wrapped up warm

This soft, snugly hooded top and blanket are as sweet and comforting as a warm glass of milk before bedtime!

Find a full
list of
abbreviations
on page 87

*Ribbed edging and
pockets add a lovely
detailing to this coat*

Just like adults, babies feel happiest when they're wearing a soft, comforting knit made by a loved one, that makes them feel right at home. This hooded coat is just that – it may be simple, but it's certainly (as the name of the yarn suggests!) beautifully soft and gentle to baby skin. There's also a lovely matching blanket with a ribbed edge in the same yarn which, as well as being snuggly, is also easy care and can be popped in the washing machine and then tumble dried.

YOU WILL NEED

Coat:

- ✿ Stylecraft Wondersoft DK 100g in Vanilla (shade 1005) x 2 (2: 3) balls

Blanket:

- ✿ Stylecraft Wondersoft DK 100g in Vanilla (shade 1005) x 3 balls
- ✿ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

Cardigan:

- ✿ 9-18 months (18-24 months: 3-4 years)

Blanket:

- ✿ 76x76cm (30x30in)

TENSION

- ✿ 22 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) using 4mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

STYLECRAFT WONDERSOFT DK

100% acrylic

294m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.39, for stockists call 01535 609 798 or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		9-18 months	18-24 months	3-4 years
COAT				
To fit chest	cm in	41-46 16-18	46-51 18-20	51-56 20-22
Actual chest	cm in	52 20½	57 22½	63 23¾
Length from back neck	cm in	30 11¾	33 13	37 14½
Sleeve length	cm in	17 6½	20 8	24 9½

COAT

BACK

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 67 (73: 81) sts.

Row 1: K0 (2: 0), p2 (3: 3), *k3, p3, rep from * to last 5 (2: 0) sts, k3 (2: 0: 3), p2 (0: 0).

Row 2: P0 (2: 0), k2 (3: 3), *p3, k3, rep from * to last 5 (2: 0) sts, p3 (2: 0), k2 (0: 0).

These 2 rows form 3x3 rib.

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 9 rows, ending with a RS row.

Row 12: Rib 1 (4: 1), work 2 tog, (rib 5, work 2 tog) 9 (9: 11) times, rib 1 (4: 1). 57 (63: 69) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: Purl.

Last 2 rows form st-st.

Cont in st-st until back measures 17 (19: 22)cm (6½ (7½: 8¾)in), ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 51 (57: 63) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and 6 (5: 4) foll 4th rows, then on foll 6 (9: 13) alt rows. 25 (27: 27) sts.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 30 (33: 37) sts.

Row 1: K0 (2: 0), p2 (3: 3), *k3, p3, rep from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: K1, *p3, k3, rep from * to last 5 (2: 0) sts, p3 (2: 0), k2 (0: 0).

These 2 rows form 3x3 rib.

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 9 rows, ending with a RS row.

Row 12: Rib 3 (5: 3), work 2 tog, (rib 5, work 2 tog)

3 (3: 4) times, rib 4 (5: 4). 26 (29: 32) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Starting with a knit row, work in st-st until left front measures 17 (19: 22) cm (6½ (7½: 8¾)in), ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 stitches at beg of next row. 23 (26: 29) sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at raglan armhole edge of next and 6 (5: 4) foll 4th rows, then on foll 0 (3: 6) alt rows, ending with a RS row. 16 (17: 18) sts.

Shape Front Neck

Cast off 4 (5: 4) sts at beg of next row. 12 (12: 14) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 rows, then on foll 1 (1: 2) alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at raglan armhole edge of next and foll 3 (3: 4) alt rows. 2 sts.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 30 (33: 37) sts.

Row 1: K1, *k3, p3, rep from * to last 5 (2: 0) sts, k3 (2: 0), p2 (0: 0).

Row 2: P0 (2: 0), k2 (3: 3), *p3, k3, rep from * to last 4 sts, p3, k1.

These 2 rows form 3x3 rib.

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 9 rows, ending with a RS row.

Row 12: Rib 4 (5: 4), work 2 tog, (rib 5, work 2 tog) 3 (3: 4) times, rib 3 (5: 3). 26 (29: 32) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Starting with a knit row, work in st-st until Right Front measures 17 (19: 22)cm (6½ (7½: 8¾)in),



COAT AND BLANKET

ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Work 1 row.

Cast off 3 stitches at beg of next row. 23 (26: 29) sts.

Dec 1 st at raglan armhole edge of next and 5 (5: 4) foll 4th rows, then on foll 0 (2: 5) alt rows. 17 (18: 19) sts.

Work 3 (1: 1) rows, ending with a WS row.

Shape Front Neck

Cast off 4 (5: 4) sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. 12 (12: 14) sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 rows, then on foll 1 (1: 2) alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at raglan armhole edge of next and foll 3 (3: 4) alt rows. 2 sts.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 35 (39: 39) sts.

Row 1: K1 (0: 0), p3 (0: 0), *k3, p3, rep from * to last 1 (3: 3) sts, k1 (3: 3), p0 (0: 0).

Row 2: P1 (0: 0), k3 (0: 0), *p3, k3, rep from * to last 1 (3: 3) sts, p1 (3: 3), k0 (0: 0).

These 2 rows form 3x3 rib.

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 13 rows, ending with a RS row.

Row 16: Rib 6 (1: 1), work 2 tog, (rib 5, work 2 tog) 3 (5: 5) times, rib 6 (1: 1). 31 (33: 33) sts. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Starting with a knit row, work in st-st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and every foll 6th (6th: 6th) row to 41 (45: 49) sts, then on every foll 8th (8th: 8th) row until there are 45 (49: 53) sts.



Making this for a baby girl? Add a few flowers to the pockets with Swiss darning

Cont straight until sleeve measures 21 (24: 28)cm (8¼ (9½: 11)in), ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 39 (43: 47) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and 7 (7: 7) foll 4th rows, then on foll 2 (3: 5) alt rows. 19 (21: 21) sts.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Left Sleeve only

Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then cast off 5 (6: 6) sts at beg of foll row. 12 (13: 13) sts.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row, then cast off 6 sts at beg of foll row.

Right Sleeve only

Cast off 6 (7: 7) sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. 12 (13: 13) sts.

Work 1 row.

Cast off 6 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row.

Work 1 row.

Both Sleeves

Cast off rem 5 (6: 6) sts.

BUTTON BAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 65 (71: 83) sts evenly along one front opening edge (left front for a girl, or right front for a boy), between neck shaping and cast-on edge.

Row 1: K1, p3, *k3, p3, rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: K4, *p3, k3, rep from * to last st, k1.

These 2 rows form 3x3 rib.

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 7 rows, ending with a WS row. Cast off in rib.

Buttonhole band

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 65 (71: 83) sts evenly along one front opening edge (right front for a girl, or left front for a boy), between neck shaping and cast-on edge.

Starting with row 1, work in 3x3 rib as given for the button band for 3 rows, ending with a WS row.

Row 4: Rib 2 (3: 3), *yrn, work 2 tog (to make a buttonhole), rib 13 (14: 17), rep from * 3 times more, yrn, work 2 tog (to make 5th buttonhole), rib 1 (2: 2).

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 5 rows, ending with a WS row. Cast off in rib.

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

It's important to sew buttons on securely when making baby clothes. Choose a thin, short, sharp sewing needle and use the thread doubled. Wrap the button very firmly with the remaining thread, and if it has four eyes, take the thread through about seven times for each half of the cross.



POCKETS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 23 sts.

Starting with row 2, work in 3x3 rib as given for button band for 24 rows, ending with a WS row.

Cast off in rib.

HOOD

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and thumb method cast on 71 (75: 79) sts.

Starting with a knit row, work in st-st until hood measures 18 (19: 20)cm (7 (7½: 8)in), ending with a WS row.

Cast off 24 (25: 26) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 23 (25: 27) sts.

Cont in st-st for a further 30 (32: 34) rows, ending with a WS row.

Cast off.

Hood border

Join top seams of hood by joining the row-end edges of the last section to cast-off edges of the first section. With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 46 (48: 50) sts up first side of hood from cast-on edge to hood seam, 27 (29: 31) sts from cast-off edge of last section of hood, then 46 (48: 50) sts down second side of hood to cast-on edge. 119 (125: 131) sts. Starting with row 1, work in 3x3 rib as given for button band for 9 rows, ending with a WS row. Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Join all raglan armhole seams. Join side and sleeve



This cosy and soft blanket will be a useful item around the house

seams, reversing sleeve seams for rib section. Fold 4cm (1½in) to RS around cuff edge of sleeve. Using photograph as a guide, sew pockets onto fronts. Positioning ends of hood border cast-off edge mid way across top of bands, sew hood to neck edge, easing in slight fullness. Sew on buttons. Pin out the coat to the measurements given. Cover with clean, damp tea towels and leave to dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

BLANKET

MAIN SECTION

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 167 sts.

Row 1: K4, *p3, k3, rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: K1, p3, *k3, p3, rep from * to last st, k1.

These 2 rows form 3x3 rib.

Work in 3x3 rib for a further 17 rows, ending with a RS row.

Row 20: Rib 7, work 2 tog, (rib 4, work 2 tog) 25 times, rib 8. 141 sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: Purl.

Last 2 rows form st-st.

Cont in st-st until main section measures 70cm (27½in) ending with a RS row.

Next row: P7, inc purlwise in next st, (p4, inc purlwise in next st) 25 times, p8. 167 sts.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Starting with row 1, work in 3x3 rib as given for cast-on edge for 20 rows, ending with a WS row.

Cast off in rib.

SIDE BORDERS (BOTH ALIKE)

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 197 sts evenly along one row-end edge, between cast-on and cast-off

edges.

Starting with row 2, work in 3x3 rib as given for main section for 19 rows, ending with a WS row. Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Pin out Blanket to the measurements given.

Cover with clean, damp tea towels and leave to dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

MORE IDEAS

For more great patterns from Stylecraft, plus a range of baby-friendly yarns, log on to its website at www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk. For more information about stockists call 01535 609 798.

Berry sweet

It wouldn't be summer without strawberries, so these fruit-inspired socks and booties are perfect for your little one this season. By Joanna Benner

Sweet-as-sugar-candy socks and matching booties make cute footwear this summer. As baby lies kicking on the picnic blanket on the lawn, dress them in strawberry pink socks decorated with a matching flower keep toes warm. Their fresh look will go with everything

from the lightest sundress to a plain romper suit. The socks are knitted in simple stocking stitch with a rib border and a picot edge in green, which makes a vibrant contrast next to bright pink. The booties are worked in moss stitch with a numbly texture on top and smooth stocking stitch sole.

ABOUT THIS YARN

PETER PAN DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

170m per 50g

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.54, for stockists call 01943 878 264 or visit www.tbramsden.co.uk

Peter Pan DK also comes in fun variegated shades such as Iced Gateau and Candy Spot

Top Tip



Make a
gift set using
just two balls
of yarn



*Knitted in shades that
will match baby's
summer wardrobe*

BOOTIES AND SOCKS

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Peter Pan 50g in:
Raspberry (933) x 1 ball
Jade (943) x 1 ball
- ✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- ✿ 3 double pointed 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles or a short 3.25mm circular needle
- ✿ 3.5mm (UK 9, US 4/E) crochet hook
- ✿ Small amount of White and Yellow yarn for the flower (embroidery thread could be used)

TENSION

- ✿ 24 sts and 32 rows in st-st over 10cm (4in) square, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

BOOTIES

Using Raspberry and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 29 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, kfb, k11, kfb, k1, kfb, k11, kfb, k1. 33 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, kfb, k12, kfb, k3, kfb, k12, kfb, k1. 37 sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, kfb, k13, kfb, k5, kfb, k13, kfb, k1. 41 sts.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K1, kfb, k14, kfb, k7, kfb, k14, kfb, k1. 45 sts.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K1, p1 to last st, k1.

Rows 12 to 20: Repeat last row 9 times. (10 rows total).

Work Instep

Row 21: MS26, sl1, k1, psso, turn.

Row 22: P1, MS7, p2 tog and turn.

Row 23: K1, MS7, sl1, k1, psso and turn.

Repeat the last two rows, 5 times and then row 22 again.

Row 35: K1, MS7, sl1, k1, psso and MS last 10 stitches.

Row 36: MS18, p2 tog and MS to end of row. 29 sts.

Rows 37 to 40: MS.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) dpns and Jade.

Row 41: K13, k2tog with one dpn. With another dpn, k to end and break yarn.

Rejoin yarn to the beginning of the last 14 sts you have knitted.

Next row: K1, p2, k2 to last st, p1.

From the other needle (first 14 sts knitted) p1, k2, to last st, k1. Turn.

Next row: K1, (p2, k2) to last st, k1.

Next row: P1, (k2, p2) to last st, p1.

Repeat the last two rows until cuff measures 5cm (2in) (after a few rows you can change to standard 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles if you wish).

Casting off with a picot edge

With WS of cuff facing cast off 2 sts,

*place the stitch on the right needle onto the

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

A ribbed border will prevent the edge of a pair of socks or booties from curling but it will still stretch, so a picot edge is one way to stop this from happening. It's simple to knit and will give your knitted piece a decorative border that looks especially sweet on babywear.



left and cast on 2 sts, cast off 4 sts; repeat from * to the end of the row.

FLOWER (MAKE 2)

Using a magic ring and Yellow work 10dc into the circle.

On last st, pull White through. Sl st into next st, ch 2, 1 tr in same stitch, 1 tr into next st, ch 2, sl st into same st; repeat 4 times and finish off leaving a long tail to sew flower. Pull Yellow threads tight and darn in.



**Leave off the
crochet flower if
you in a hurry to
get the booties and
socks finished**



MAKING UP

With Raspberry use mattress stitch to sew main shoe.

Use Jade to sew the front seam for about an inch.

Sew flower to centre of cuff.

Darn in all ends.

SOCKS (MAKE 2)

With Jade and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles cast on 26 sts with either a picot or traditional cast on.

Picot cast on

Cast on 5 sts, cast off 2 sts knitwise, place the stitch on the right needle back onto the left needle, *cast on 4 sts, cast off 2 sts, place the stitch on the right needle back onto the left needle; repeat from * until you have 25 sts, cast on 1 st and continue as follows:

Row 1: K2, p2 to last 2 sts, k2

Row 2: P2, k2 to last 2 sts, p2.

Repeat last two rows twice (6 rows total).

Change to Raspberry yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Work 13 rows of st-st. (Length of sock can be adjusted here by working more or less rows.)

With WS facing, purl 7 sts.

Work 7 rows of st-st on these sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, k2.

Next row: P2, p2tog, p1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, k3.

Next row: P3, p2tog, 4 sts.

Pick up and purl 8 sts from side of heel and purl across remaining sts on needle.

Work 8 rows of st-st on the last 7 sts.

Next row: K1, k2tog tbl, k1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, p2.

Next row: K2, k2tog tbl, k1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, p3.

Next row: K3, k2tog tbl, 4 sts.

Pick up and knit 8 sts from side of heel and knit across remaining sts. 36 sts.

INSTEP

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K10, k2tog, k12, k2tog tbl, k10. 34 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K9, k2tog, k12, k2tog tbl, k9. 32 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K8, k2tog, k12, k2tog tbl, k8. 30 sts.



Baby will look good enough to eat in this fruity footwear!

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K7, k2tog, k12, k2tog tbl, k7. 28 sts.

Work 11 rows of st-st.

(Length of foot can be adjusted here by working more or less rows.)

SHAPE TOES

Next row: K5, k2tog, k1, sl1, k1, pssso, k8, k2tog, k1, sl1, k1, pssso, knit to end. 24 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K4, k2tog, k1, sl1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog, k1, sl1, k1, pssso, knit to end. 20 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K3, k2tog, k1, sl1, k1, pssso, k4, k2tog, k1, sl1, k1, pssso, knit to end. 16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row. 8 sts.

Break yarn (leaving enough to sew seam) and thread through sts. Secure firmly.

FLOWER (MAKE 2)

Using a magic ring and Yellow, work 10 dc into the circle.

On last st, pull White through. Sl st into next st, ch 2, 1 tr in stitch, 1 tr into next st, ch 2, sl st

into same same st; repeat 4 times and finish off leaving a long tail to sew flower. Pull Yellow threads tight and darn in.

MAKING UP

With mattress stitch sew the sock as smoothly as you can using Raspberry for the main section and Jade for the rib. Weave in any loose threads. Sew flowers to the side of socks.

MORE IDEAS

Joanna Benner is a talented knitter and crocheter whose designs have also appeared in our sister title Love Crochet. Keep an eye out for her cardigan design in the September issue!



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Joanna Benner

has helped many people learn to knit, and is ready to share her know-how



Anne MacGregor

loves to try new knitting and crochet techniques, and is keen to pass on her tips



Anna Davenport

is *Love Knitting's* publisher and enjoys shopping for yarns and clever gadgets



Sarah Heys

has a degree in Knitwear Design and is here to solve your yarn tangles



Invest in a stitch holder to keep your knitting safe

KNITS ON A PLANE

Q I'm going on holiday in a couple of weeks and would like to take my knitting on the plane as it's a long flight. Do you know if that's ok?

Dawn Francis, London

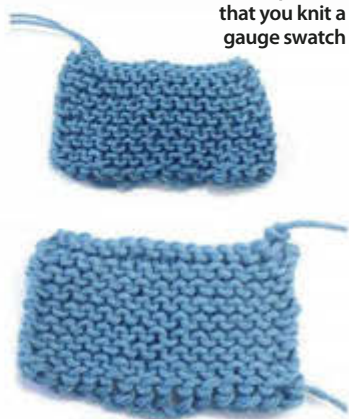
A Anna says: It depends on the airport security and your airline. I have had knitting needles taken off me before flying so I would check with the airport and airline first. If you're worried that they might be taken off you then I would go prepared – if you are halfway through a project I would take it off your needles and keep the stitches safe by placing them on a circular stitch holder such as the one pictured above (£6.20 from www.loopknittingshop.com). Even if there is a problem with your needles, at least your knitting will be safe!

YARN SUBSTITUTE

Q My pattern asks for a brand of yarn that they don't sell in my local shop, so I was wondering if it would be OK to use another type of yarn?

Kerry Travis, Glasgow

A Sarah says: It will be fine to use a different yarn than the one specified in the pattern, just make sure that you look at the stitch gauge in the pattern and the weight of the recommended yarn so you can buy a yarn with similar properties. Also, it's very important to knit a swatch as you may need to alter the needle size to match the gauge in the pattern. As you can see from the picture below, needle size can alter the gauge of the swatch; the smaller of the swatches was



It's important that you knit a gauge swatch

knitted on 3.5mm needles and the larger on 5mm needles, so it is important to find a needle size that properly suits the gauge in the pattern.

EYE OF THE NEEDLE

Q I've been knitting for a year but so far have only made scarves! I'm in the middle of knitting my first hat on straight needles and the pattern says I need to sew the seam together using a knitting hand needle. I have sewing needles, so would it be OK to use one of these instead?

Sally Reid, Kent

A Anne says: The difference between knitting sewing needles and sewing needles is that knitting sewing needles have large eyes for yarn to fit through. Also the point is blunt, so that you don't separate the yarn while you are sewing together, therefore I wouldn't recommend you using a sewing needle. You can buy knitting sewing needles from most local craft stores or online. I like the ones available at Hobbycraft. You can buy online at www.hobbycraft.co.uk or call 0845 051 6524, and they only cost £1.30 for two.

KNOTTY KNITS

Q When joining a new piece of yarn after finishing the ball I'm using I normally knot the two ends together and carry on knitting. But this leaves a knot at the front or back of my knitting, so is there a better way of joining two ends?

Ellie Fisher, Stockport

A Jo says: Knotting the yarns does work but there are ways of joining yarns that you won't be able to see. When joining yarn because you've come to the end of a ball, you can knit a couple of stitches using both pieces of yarn then drop the finished ball. You can see how this is done from the swatch pictured. Once you have finished knitting make sure you sew in the ends.

Use this method to seamlessly join two yarns together



ON THE GO

Q I like knitting on the train to work but wish I had something to stop my yarn from getting tangled! What would you recommend keeping in to stop this happening?
Sharon Reed, Cardiff

A Anna says: When knitting on the move it's a good idea to have a yarn holder, such as this really nice version from Hobbycraft (right) which costs £5. It will keep your yarn safe from tears and from getting tangled in your bag. It also has a handy hole in the top so you can keep the yarn in the holder even while you are knitting – perfect for your train journeys! You can buy online at www.hobbycraft.co.uk or call 0845 051 6524.



Invest in a yarn holder for knitting while commuting!

DOUBLE JOY

Q My friend had twin boys recently and I would like to knit them something that they could share for their nursery. Do you have any pattern suggestions?
Tina Smith, Newcastle

A Jo says: That's a lovely idea to knit them something to share! I've found this pattern booklet from Sirdar called *Nursery Knits for Boys* which has some great patterns in it that I'm sure two twin boys would love!

Sirdar's new pattern book is full of fun designs



You could knit them a dinosaur to play with or the mobile to hang in their room. For stockists visit www.sirdar.co.uk or call 01924 369 666.

CRAFTY KIDS

Q I would like to encourage my little girl to start knitting with me and it would be great to get her some patterns so she can learn to finger knit. I'm struggling to find any pattern books for this, however, so can you help?
Holly Parker, Taunton



Finger knitting is a great craft for children to try

HEIRLOOM GIFT

Q My sister is expecting a baby at the end of the year and I'd love to knit her something that will be treasured for a long time. What gifts do you think are the best to give?
Shannon Lewis, Nottingham

A Anne says: All knitted gifts are lovely to give but some do last longer than others. Babies grow out of things quickly so booties and hats will only be worn while they still fit although, as these are quick knits, you could make a set in different sizes. If you want a gift that will be treasured for a long time I would suggest a teddy bear, but if you don't fancy tackling all the construction then another great gift is a blanket, such as this striped Nezbit blanket from Rowan. The pattern costs £9.50; for stockists visit www.knitrowan.com or call 01484 681 811.



A baby blanket will be a welcome gift that lasts for years

A Anne says: There aren't many pattern books available for finger knitting, but I have found a book called *Finger Knitting Fun* by Vickie Howell (£12.99 from all good bookshops), which has a range of projects in it including jewellery and room decorations which I'm sure your daughter will enjoy making.

PERFECT PRESENT

Q My friend and I have been part of the same knitting club for years now, and as it's her 60th birthday next month I wanted to get her a special set of needles. Do you have any recommendations?
Fiona Harris, Liverpool

A Anna says: My favourite needles are these Knit Pro Symfone knitting needles (above,



Keen knitters will love these birch wood needles

available from John Lewis for £94.95, visit www.johnlewis.com or call 0345 604 9049). They're made from birch wood and feel lovely to knit with, and the set of 16 needles, with sizes from 3.5mm to 8mm, would be an ideal gift.

Tiny dancer

Val Pierce's gorgeous ballet bear Bella is the star of the show, complete with tutu, wrapover cardigan and pretty pink shoes

Every little one needs their own special teddy bear, and a budding dancer will love this beautiful ballerina bear! Bella is made in Jarol Heritage DK, a great value DK yarn that has a high wool content to make her squeezably soft. Her rose pink cardigan and skirt are

knitted in DMC Woolly, which is 100% merino yarn, and then embellished with satin ribbon and tiny embroidered flowers, with netting added to the skirt to make it more authentic! The basic toy shape can also be customised to other styles of bear – the only limit is your imagination!

ABOUT THIS YARN

JAROL HERITAGE DK

55% wool, 25% acrylic, 20% nylon

250m per 100g

Machine washable at 30°C

£3.59 from Wool4Less, call 0845 003 0775 or visit www.wool4less.co.uk

DMC WOOLLY DK

100% merino

125m per 50g

Machine washable at 30°C

£6.50, for stockists call 0116 275 4000 or visit www.dmccreative.co.uk

Make sure that you use the specific decreasing method stated in the pattern

Top Tip

Knit a
treasured
companion
for baby



*This adorable teddy
bear is ready to
take centre stage!*

BELLA BEAR

YOU WILL NEED

- ☆ Jarol Heritage DK 100g in Charcoal (shade 138) x 2 balls (colour A)
- DMC Woolly DK 50g in Deep Pink (shade 043) x 3 balls (colour B)
- Oddment of black DK
- ☆ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- ☆ Safety stuffing
- ☆ 3m (108in) of narrow satin double-sided ribbon to match
- ☆ White net fabric measuring 40x20cm (16x8in)
- ☆ Fine shirring elastic
- ☆ Embroidery thread in wine and medium green

MEASUREMENTS

- ☆ To fit 26cm (10in) tall when sitting.
- Circumference of tummy when stuffed is 34.5cm (13½in)

TENSION

- ☆ 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ☆ For standard abbreviations see page 87

BELLA BEAR

HEAD

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in each st across row. 16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K4, m1, k8, m1, k4. 18 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K4, m1, k1, m1, k8, m1, k1, m1, k4. 22 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K5, m1, k1, m1, k10, m1, k1, m1, k5. 26 sts.

Cont increasing like this until you have 66 sts, ending on a purl row.

Work 10 rows st-st decreasing 1 stitch at either end of row on the final row. 64 sts.

Decrease for back of head.

Next row: * K6, k2tog; rep from * to end. 56 sts.

Next and following alt rows: Purl.

Next row: * K5, k2tog; rep from * to end. 48 sts.

Next row: * K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. 40 sts.

Next row: * K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. 32 sts.

Next row: * K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. 24 sts.

Next row: * K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. 16 sts.

Next row: K2tog across row. 8 sts.

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.

BODY

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 20 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in each st across row. 40 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to end.

60 sts.

Cont in st-st for a further 46 rows.

Decrease for top of body.

Next row: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. 50 sts.

Next and following alt rows: Purl.

Next row: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. 40 sts.

Next row: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. 30 sts.

Next row: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. 20 sts.

Next row: K2tog across row. 10 sts.

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 4)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 10 sts.

Work 2 rows st-st.

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Flowers and leaves in pink and green embroidery thread add the finishing touches to Bella's pretty wrapover cardigan and hair bow. If you prefer working with yarn rather than thread, however, you can use Swiss darning to create a simpler flower shape on her cardigan.



Inc in first and last st on every alt row to 16 sts. Beg with a purl row, work 7 rows st-st.

Next row: K2tog across row. 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row. 4 sts.

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * across row. 15 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to last st, k1. 22 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in first and last st. 24 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 27 rows st-st.

Next row: *K1, skpo; rep from * to end. 16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row. 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row. 4 sts.

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and A, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * across row. 15 sts.

Next row: Purl.



Don't be afraid to change needle size, as long as you do a tension square first

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to last st, k1. 22 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in first and last st. 24 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows once more. 26 sts.

Cont in st-st for 24 rows.

Increase for foot.

Next row: K9, inc in each of next 8 sts, k9. 34 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K12, inc in each of next 10 sts, k12. 44 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 9 rows st-st.

Next row: K2tog across row. 22 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row. 11 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row to last st, k1. 6 sts.

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle.

Draw up and fasten off.

NOSE

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and black yarn, cast on 8 sts.

Work 4 rows in st-st.

Next row: K2tog, work to last 2 sts, K2tog. 6 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog, k2, K2tog. 4 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog twice.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off. Leave a long tail of yarn as you will use this to form the mouth.

To make up

Sew the body seam, which runs down the back, and stuff firmly before closing. Sew the head seam and stuff firmly, as with the body. Sew the ears together in pairs, curling them inwards as you do. Sew the ears to either side of the head. Pin the nose in place on the head and pad it out with a little stuffing before stitching it in place. Use the tail of yarn left on the nose to make the line for the mouth. Using some black yarn, embroider the eyes onto the face, and tug them a little to create indentations and add shape to the nose. Attach the head to the body. Sew the seams on the arms and legs, all seams run on the underside of the pieces. Stuff the limbs fairly firmly and pin in position. Sew the limbs in place.

BALLET TOP

Back

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 40 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Work 2 rows st-st.

Next row (eyelet holes): K1, *yfwd, k2tog, k2; rep from * ending last rep, k1.

Next row: Purl.

Work 6 rows st-st.

Begin armhole shaping

Cast off 4 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.

32 sts.

Next row: K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

30 sts.

Next row: K2, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Cont to decrease as on last 2 rows until you have 12 sts.

Cast off.

Sleeves (make 2)

Follow instructions as for Back but work 4 rows st-st instead of 6.

Left Front

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 40 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K2, purl to end.

Next row (eyelet holes): K1, *yfwd, k2tog, k2; rep from * ending last rep, yfwd, k2tog, k5.

Next row: K2, purl to end.

Next row: Knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 39 sts.

Next row: K2, purl to end.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more.

Begin armhole shaping

Cast off 4 sts, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 32 sts.

Next row: K2, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Next row: K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 30 sts.

Next row: K2, p2tog, purl to last 2 sts, k2. 29 sts.

Next row: Dec at armhole edge on every alt row and at the same time dec on front edge on every row until you have 5 sts.

Knit 4 rows g-st and cast off.

Right Front

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 40 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: Purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Next row (eyelet holes): K5, *yfwd, k2tog, k2; rep from * ending last rep, yfwd, k2tog, k1. ❀



Next row: Purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Next row: K2, skpo, knit to end. 39 sts.

Next row: Purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more.

Next row: K2, skpo, knit to end. 36 sts.

Begin armhole shaping

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, purl to last 2 sts, k2. 32 sts.

Next row: K2, skpo, knit to end. 31 sts.

Next row: K2, p2tog, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, k2. 29 sts.

Next row: K2, skpo, knit to end. 28 sts.

Next row: Dec at armhole edge on every alt row and at the same time dec at front edge on every row to 5 sts.

Knit 4 rows g-st and cast off.

To make up

Join the sleeve seams neatly to the back and fronts. Join the sleeve and side seams. Cut the ribbon into lengths and thread through the holes at the base of the top. Sew two shorter pieces of ribbon at each side seam to enable you to tie the top. Thread ribbon through the sleeves and neatly sew the ends together on the inside of the sleeve. Using the wine and green embroidery thread, embroider flowers and leaves onto one side of the top if desired.

SKIRT (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 42 sts.

Knit 2 rows.

Next row: K13, m1, p1, m1, k14, m1, p1, m1, k13. 46 sts.

Next row: P13, k3, p14, k3, p13.

Next row: K13, m1, p3, m1, k14, m1, p3, m1, k13. 50 sts.

Next row: P13, k5, p14, k5, p13.

Next row: K13, m1, p5, m1, k14, m1, p5, m1, k13. 54 sts.

Next row: P13, k7, p14, k7, p13.

Continue to increase in this way, adding 1 st each side of the panels on every alt row until you have 15 sts in each panel.

Next row: K13, p15, k14, p15, k13.

Next row: P13, k15, p14, k15, p13.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 times more.

Work 4 rows g-st and cast off.

To make up

Before sewing the seam of the skirt you need to measure its length and depth. Now using the skirt as a template, cut a piece of net twice as long and twice as deep as the skirt. Fold the net in half lengthways, the folded end is to be at the bottom of the skirt. Pin the top edge closed. Take a needle threaded with some shirring elastic and sew a neat running stitch all along the edge, sewing

through both thicknesses of net. Gather up to fit the waist of the skirt. Stitch neatly to the inside of waist of the skirt. Sew the back seam neatly. Join the side seams.

Thread fine shirring elastic through the top of the skirt, weaving in and out of the fabric. Tie the elastic in a tight knot, and work in the ends.

SHOES (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in each st across row. 16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to end. 24 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K2, inc in next st; rep from * to end. 32 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K3, inc in next st; rep from * to end. 40 sts.

Work in st-st for 10 rows.

Next row: K1, *yfwd, k2tog, k2; rep from * ending last rep, k1.

Next row: Purl.

Knit 2 rows and cast off.

To make up

Sew the back seam. Thread ribbon through the holes at the ankles.

HEADBAND

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 76 sts.

Knit 4 rows and cast off.

BOW

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and B, cast on 7 sts.

Knit 60 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Sew the short ends of the headband together, then sew the short ends of the bow together. Fold in half with the seam at the centre back. Run a gathering thread through the centre of the piece and draw up to form a bow shape. Sew the bow to the centre of the headband. Embroider flowers and leaves into the centre of the bow if desired.





MORE IDEAS

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TEXTURED BLANKET

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ DROPS Merino Extra Fine 50g in Off-White (shade 01) x 8 balls
- ❖ 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) circular knitting needle

MEASUREMENTS

- ❖ Approx. 64x82cm (25¼x32¼in)

TENSION

- ❖ 20 sts and 26 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ❖ For standard abbreviations see page 89



BLANKET

Pattern notes

To fit in all sts work blanket back and forth on a circular needle.

Tension is important for this project.

Using Off-White and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) circular needle, cast on 128 sts.

Work 6 rows g-st.

Continue with 4 g-sts each side and pattern in the middle.

120 sts as follows:

8cm (3in) of M.3.

1 repeat of M.4.

Approx. 11cm (4¼in) of M.1 – adjust to a full

square.

1 repeat of M.4.

8cm (3in) of M.2.

1 repeat of M.4.

16cm (6¼in) of M.3.

1 repeat of M.4.

Approx. 11cm (4¼in) of M.1 – adjust to a full square.

1 repeat of M.4.

8cm (3in) of M.2.

1 repeat of M.4.

8cm (3in) of M.3.

6 rows g-st.

Cast off.

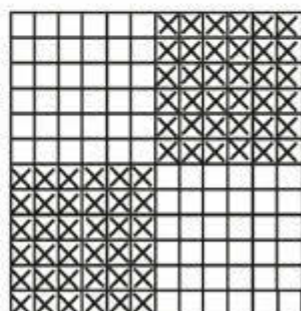
IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Don't be put off by the patterning in this blanket, as it's made with a simple combination of knit and purl stitches. When following a knitting chart, start at the bottom and go upwards along the rows, and read right to left on right side rows and left to right for wrong side rows.

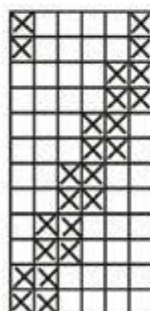


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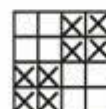
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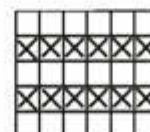
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□ = K from RS, P from WS

⊗ = P from RS, K from WS

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■ START ALL KNITTING PROJECTS WITH THIS EASY KNOT



Twist the yarn into a loop, and form a second loop of yarn to pull through the first one.



Tighten the first loop into a knot around the second. This will now be your first cast on stitch.

CAST ON – THUMB METHOD

■ USE THIS FOR AN EXTRA-STRETCHY EDGE



Make a slipknot with a long tail of 2.5cm (1in) per stitch that the pattern asks you to cast on.



Loop the tail end of the yarn around your left thumb, and slide the needle tip into this loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the needle. Push the needle through the loop.



Slide the loop off your thumb and tighten both ends. Repeat steps 2-4 for each stitch.

CAST ON – TWO NEEDLE METHOD

■ USE THIS FOR A STRONG, HARDWEARING EDGE



With the slipknot on your left needle, insert the right needle from front to back of the loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right needle. Pull this through the loop.



Insert the left needle tip through the front of this new loop, dropping it off the right needle.



Repeat steps 1-3 as needed, forming new stitches from the top stitch on the left needle.

CAST OFF

■ WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE REACHED THE END



To begin, knit only the first two stitches in the cast off row.



Push the left needle through the first stitch. Lift it over the second stitch and off the right needle.



With one stitch now on the right needle, knit another stitch and repeat step 2 until you reach the row end.



Cut the yarn leaving a 15cm (6in) tail, and pull the tail through the final cast off stitch.

How to crochet

If you've not tried crochet before, learn the basic stitches with our handy step-by-step guide

FOUNDATION CHAIN

■ LIKE CASTING ON, THIS IS THE BASIS FOR YOUR CROCHET PROJECT



To start, make a slipknot around your crochet hook.



Bring the yarn around the hook from the back to the front and catch the yarn with the hook.



With the yarn still under the hook, bring the hook through the slipknot to create a new loop.



Lengthen the chain by repeating steps 2-3, creating a new chain stitch with each repeat.

TURNING CHAIN

■ HOW TO START THE NEXT ROW



At the end of the row, work chain stitches into the last loop to equal the height of the next stitch.



Turn your work around and start making the next stitch as instructed in your pattern.

CAST OFF

■ FINISH OFF YOUR CROCHET PROJECT



Cut the yarn, leaving a 15cm. Draw this end through the loop on your hook.



Pull the entire length of yarn through the loop and tighten gently. Weave in the end.

DOUBLE CROCHET

■ A BASIC STITCH THAT CREATES A DENSE FABRIC



Insert your hook into the loop of the next stitch and carry the yarn over the hook.



Bring the yarn through the stitch. You will now have two loops on your crochet hook.



Carry the yarn over the hook again, and draw this through both loops on your crochet hook.

TREBLE CROCHET

■ A TALLER STITCH FOR A MORE OPEN RESULT



Carry the yarn all the way over your crochet hook and insert your hook into the next stitch.



Carry the yarn over the hook and pull this through the stitch. There are now three loops on the hook.



Carry the yarn over the hook and pull it through the first two loops on the hook. There are two left.



Carry the yarn over the hook once more and pull it through the last two loops on the hook.

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AND FINALLY...

The last word

Knitwear designer and *Love Knitting* expert Sarah Heys shares her favourite yarns and top tips to inspire your baby knitting

Who taught you to knit, and how long have you been knitting for?

My grandma taught me to knit when I was a little girl. I then didn't knit at all when I was a teenager, and it wasn't until I was studying for a BA degree in Fashion Design at Leeds University that I had to do a semester in knitting as part of the course, and realised how much I liked it. Luckily I could still remember the basics!

How did you get into designing knitwear?

I enjoyed my semester of knitting so much that I ended up specialising in it, doing both hand and machine knitting, and designing my own garments and other items. After graduating I came to work for Immediate Media as a charting editor on its cross stitching titles, which meant that I was working on the same floor as the company's knitting magazines. I showed the editor of *Knit Today* my designs and was lucky enough to get my first commission from this magazine, which led to work on other magazines, including *Love Knitting*.

Which yarn do you like using in your designs, and why?

I enjoy knitting in chunky yarn that's made from natural fibres, so something like Blue Sky Alpaca Bulky is perfect. Rowan's range is also gorgeous.

Who or what influences your designs?

Pinterest is a major source of inspiration – I love seeing what other people are up to with yarn, and it's so easy to spend hours exploring beautiful images on there! Ravelry is also fab for looking at what other designers are making.

What's your favourite of your own designs, and why?

I designed a shocking pink scarf in Malabrigo yarn for the Autumn 2014 issue of *Pompom*

magazine, which is knitted in lotus stitch with added embroidery. I was really pleased with how it came out!

What's coming up for you this year?

I want to set up a website to showcase my designs, and also develop a Ravelry page so people can buy my patterns.

What's your knitting top tip to share with readers?

Keep on experimenting with new stitches, as you never know what you'll create! And always knit in ends as you go, for example if you're knitting in stripes, as it's horrible to do at the end.

Turn to page 6 for Sarah's summer set, and to see what inspires her, go to www.pinterest.com/sarahheys



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